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# DUTCH THREAT TO 'ROOS

## Give Christopoulos a go, says Collins

'Canberra Arrows' coach Doug Collins has a message for Socceroo supremo Frank Arok.

Collins says the Arrows' winning streak is largely due to one player. Collins names defender George Christopoulos as the key to the Arrows' revitalised form and says the talented 23-year-old sweeper should be a member of Arok's Socceroo squad.

The National Team Man-

agement keep bemoaning the lack of skilful players in Australia, yet they continue to leave players like Christopoulos, Peter Katholos of Sydney Olympic and Oscar Crino of South Melbourne Hellas out of the squad," said Collins.

"I keep telling Frank about Christopoulos' form, but he doesn't seem to be listening. 'George has plenty of skills, and a good football brain. He is a class player — something the national team lacks.

"I always said we were only one class player off success and the return of Christopoulos has proved it.

"As sweeper he is the Franz Beckenbauer of Australian soccer. His know-how is extraordinary and Australia cannot afford to go on the November tour without him.

"I am always ready to back up my own judgements but in this case there are overseas clubs that confirm his status.

"Christopoulos has been offered contracts by both Newcastle United, now in the English First Division, and AEK Athens."

WINSOR DOBBIN



George Christopoulos

## King of full backs

By LAURIE SCHWAB

While Canberra Arrows coach Doug Collins is championing the cause of George Christopoulos, Peter Katholos and Oscar Crino, surely national coach Frank Arok must look closely at APIA's star right back Vic Bozanic.

A point that has been overlooked in speculation about who will inherit Alan Davidson's right back position, is that Bozanic has scored six goals for APIA this season — a remarkable feat for a full back.

In fact, he's the all-time top-scoring full back in the NSL since 1977. He notched five for Marconi last year, and five the year before. Another good year was 1978, when he scored four as West Adelaide Hellas won the NSL championship.

Bozanic is said to have possibly the hardest shot in the

NSL and often has scored from long distances.

What's more, he works tirelessly up and down the touchline — just the sort of play for which Davidson is renowned.

Davidson won't be available for the Socceroos' world tour in November-December because he's off to join Nottingham Forest in England.

West Adelaide Hellas bought Bozanic from Polonia Adelaide in early 1978, and had it not been for him, West may not have won the championship that year.

It had to at least draw its last-round match with Adelaide Juventus to take the title. Juventus was leading but Bozanic came to the rescue when he got onto a long ball and hooked it first-time over goalkeeper Peter Marshall for the equaliser.

And let's remember APIA's game against league leader Sydney Hakoah a few weeks ago. Hakoah was leading 1-0. APIA was down to 10 men because John Bradley had been sent off, yet Bozanic mustered all his great fighting powers to score twice and give APIA a 2-1 victory.

A player who possesses all the possibilities of Bozanic would be invaluable to the national team.



Vic Bozanic



## Eddie ain't soft!

"Mr Softy?" It's hardly the right description of Eddie Krcovic, now playing for Duisburg in the West German Bundesliga Second Division.

The title refers, of course, to Duisburg's sponsor.

Krcovic transferred to Duisburg recently from Yugoslav club Dinamo Zagreb, and scored goals galore in his first few games.

He sent us the picture of himself, with best wishes to all in Australia — particularly at his former clubs, Marconi and Melbourne Croatia.

We hope to hear more from him soon.

## PLAYOFF SERIES

MATCH No. 1 (Qualifying Match)

TEAM No. 3 v TEAM No. 4

Winner takes "double chance" and position 2 in Final Four

MATCH No. 2 (Elimination Match)

TEAM No. 4 v TEAM No. 5

Winner takes No. 4 position in Final Four — Loser is eliminated

MATCH No. 3 (1st Semi-final)

TEAM No. 3 v TEAM No. 4

Winner to Final — Loser is eliminated

MATCH No. 4 (2nd Semi-final)

TEAM No. 1 v TEAM No. 2

Winner to Grandfinal — Loser to Final

MATCH No. 5 (Final)

Winner Match No. 3 v Loser Match No. 4

Winner to Grandfinal — Loser is eliminated

MATCH No. 6 (Grandfinal)

Winner Match No. 4 v Winner Match No. 5

Winner is declared Conference Champion

## NATIONAL FINALS

The National League finals series, which should add a lot of glamour and create plenty of interest in this year's competition, kicks off on Wednesday, October 10 and the eventual winner will be proclaimed national champion of Australia.

Other finals series games will be held on Sunday, October 14; Wednesday, October 17; and Sunday, October 21.

The home and away final between the two winners of the top-five finals series in both conferences will be played on Wednesday, October 24 and Sunday, October 28, to avoid a clash with the Socceroos' world tour.

Holland's national amateur selection appears to be the most powerful opposition Australia will face in Group A of the Merlion Cup tournament, which starts on October 14 in Singapore.

The Holland squad includes two former professionals who quit the Dutch League, as their religious beliefs forbid them to play on Sundays.

Sadly for the Socceroos, they are scheduled to meet Holland on a Saturday and strikers Jaan de Graaf and Peter Willems almost certainly will make appearances.

The two top Dutch Amateur League sides, Elinkwijk (champion) and Geldrop (runner-up), each provides five players to the squad, which has considerable international experience. In the Olympic qualifiers, draws were gained with Italy (twice) and Romania.

Before leaving for Singapore, the party is to spend a week in training camp, under the supervision of Dutch federation staff coach B. Groenewoud, who also will act as manager during the Merlion Cup.

Holland and Australia appear the obvious qualifiers from their section.

Singapore is almost certainly to be without ace midfielder Fandi Ahmad, required by his Dutch League club Groningen, and so Singapore will not be as strong as when beaten 4-2 by the Socceroos in last year's final.

Although not facing Fandi, the Aussies are expected to encounter another of Asian soccer's superstars — Piyapong Pueon.

Elusive, speedy, possessing superb vision and a thunderous left-foot shot, Pueon recently joined Pohang Iron and Steel Dolphins in South Korea's professional "Superleague".

Thailand, though has a wretched record away from Bangkok and, even with Peon in its ranks, is unlikely to extend either Australia or Holland.

But, once in the last four, the Socceroos will find quality opposition awaiting them.

Group B consists of two sides involved in the recent Olympic finals — Chile and Iraq — plus the Argentinian amateur combination and South Korea, which only re-

cently won the coveted Merdeka Tournament in Malaysia.

Although Iraq gained only one point from its three games in the Olympiad, it outplayed eventual bronze medalist Yugoslavia for long periods, squandered numerous chances, led 2-0 at half time, yet eventually lost 2-4.

Upon his return to Baghdad, long-serving coach Baba Daoud was dismissed. It remains to be seen just what effect this has on the team, but the current Asian Games champion must be regarded as the top side in its continent and is anxious to prove the point during November's Asian Cup finals, also staged in Singapore.

South Korea too will look upon the Merlion as an integral part of its Asian Cup build-up, so it will send its first team, not the young "Team 88" side being groomed for the Seoul Olympics. That side extended Australia in last year's bruising semi-final.

The Merlion program is:

### GROUP A

October 14: Singapore v Holland, Australia v Thailand

October 16: Thailand v Holland

October 19: Singapore v Thailand

October 20: Holland v Australia

October 22: Singapore v Australia

### GROUP B

October 15: South Korea v Iraq

October 16: Argentina v Chile

October 18: Iraq v Argentina, Chile v South Korea

October 20: Iraq v Chile

October 21: South Korea v Argentina

October 25: First Semi Final

October 26: Second Semi Final

October 28: Final, 3rd — 4th place play off.



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# Gosling or Wilson for Kiwis No. 1

By PAUL MOON

Australian-based goalkeepers Richard Wilson (Preston Makedonia) and Clint Gosling (Newcastle Rosebuds United) have both won places in New Zealand's 18-man squad to tour Fiji and Britain.

Kiwi coach Allan Jones was in Australia last month to check up on the duo's form and availability. Obviously, he was pleased with both.

Wilson has not represented his country since the World Cup play off game against China early in 1982, whilst Gosling's "international" experience is confined to a single match facing Malaysian state side Selangor in 1978.

During the past two seasons, Frank van Hattum and Barry Pickering have had spells guarding New Zealand's goal, but van Hattum has suffered a dreadful form loss and Pickering remains haunted by injuries. Neither is included in the party.

One of the tour's most intriguing aspects will be the battle between Wilson and Gosling to establish himself as first choice and gain the inside running for World Cup duty.

Another significant inclusion among the tourists is former League or Ireland representative Sean Byrne.

Although equally influential in midfield or defence, Byrne is likely to spend much of his time in the back four, as regular occupants Ceri Evans, Duncan Cole and Adrian Elrick declared themselves unavailable for selection, as did the versatile Kenny Cresswell.

The squad is: Goalkeepers: Richard Wilson (Preston Makedonia), Clint Gosling (Newcastle Rosebuds United);

Defenders: Ricki Herbert (University Cowan), Keith Garland (Manurewa), Malcolm Dunford (Wellington Diamond United), Keith Garland (Manurewa), Malcolm Dunford (Wellington Diamond United), Martin Felton (Papatoetoe), Sean Byrne (Gisborne City), Allan Booth (University Cowan, Captain), John Leigh (Mount Wellington);

Midfielders: Billy Harris (Wellington Diamond United), Steve Sumner (Manurewa), Peter Simonsen (Gisborne City), Grant Turner (Gisborne City), Keith Mackay (Manurewa);

Forwards: Billy McClure (Papatoetoe), Kevin Birch (Manurewa), Steve Woodin (Christchurch Brother United), Colin Walker (Gisborne City).



## LES MURRAY

### Frederico Alejandro Gordon, APIA-Leichhardt's ambitious import from Argentina, has failed to impress his new club and probably will return home in the near future.

APIA sources confirmed last week that Gordon, who came here nine weeks ago as a former First Division player with both River Plate and Talleres, has no future at National League level and is likely to return to Buenos Aires when his short temporary visa expires.

Gordon is not the first import to fail in Australian soccer and neither, of course will he be the last.

But his failure is significant in that he's an Argentinian, a rare creature these days in our soccer which, long ago, gained so much from imported South American talent.

The fear now is that perhaps some fingers have been burnt and clubs such as APIA will not look in future to Argentina for such experiments.

If so, I would point out to APIA and to other clubs bent on importing players, that historically such experiments have a very high success rate and that Argentina has proved to be probably the most fruitful source of imports on a player for player basis.

Indeed, if you were to measure successes against failures,

on percentage the most successful sources have been Argentina, Yugoslavia and Austria. The idea to import Argentinians, if you cast your mind back, began with Eduardo Massey in the early 80s. Sydney's Budapest mustering enough courage to attract that skillful centre forward to Australia via Spain.

He was the first, though far from the most successful, for soon Budapest would import four more and clubs like Prague and APIA, then Sydney Croatia would quickly follow.

When Budapest imported a young Argentinian quarter, eyebrows were quickly raised and worry was set in at the agony of waiting for the four Latinos to settle into our game.

But their time came and Hugo Rodriguez, Victor Fernandez, Salvador Isaac, and Lorenzo Heredia were to spend long years saving Budapest well and nowadays grey-haired St George supporters finally recall the many joyous moments those four players gave them.

Rodriguez was an elegant, if arrogant and more than a trifle lazy, centre-forward who later became a midfielder and, on occasions, a most accomplished centre half.

Fernandez was a bewildering, ticky left winger with a penchant for the bent pass and a vicious shot. Like a Latin, he delighted in turning defenders into fools with his trickery and once he bestowed lasting injuries on Jim Kelly and Pat Woods by enticing them to tackle at the same time and then leaving them to collide with one another.

Within a couple of seasons of

arriving he won a world trip as his prize for being the Sydney Daily Mirror's player of the year. Isaac was a rugged, well-muscled utility man whom you could use anywhere you liked and, even he wasn't a permanent pick in the side, his consistency earned him a blisful semi-retirement in his home country some years later.

Even Heredia, whose dainty, fragile game was the least suited to Australia, was a regular for some seasons and few St George men who recall those days would not wish for a plan year like him in their team.

But there were others. Prague soon had Luis Gueto and Roberto Badaracco, the former a flying winger with a beautifully measured cross who would gain representative status and the latter another cultured, if temperamental, midfielder whose pin-point passes live vividly in the memory.

APIA, too, then joined in with a marvellously centre back in Roberto Murra (Daniel Passarella almost reminds one of him) and the most sensational Argentinian import of all, Ricardo Campana.

Campana was sheer magic, as any fan who saw him, APIA or otherwise, will tell you. He would roam endlessly around the park, disguising his boundless energy with an effortless gait, spraying the sweetest passes everywhere and occasionally pulling from his bag of tricks a quaint, characteristic dribble on which on which to this day he seems to have had global copyright.

Around the same time Croatia also boasted of a quartet from Argentina, all of whom

# Argentina's still a market despite Gordon

were to have long years of service with their club.

There were midfielders Bischoff and Ledezma, fullback Pulg, and an immensely spectacular, not to say theatrical, goalkeeper named Omar Colazzo who was almost ready to warn the photographers behind him before he would make one of his soaring dives.

They were all good footballers, as hard and ready to mix it as we know Argentinians can be, but above all entertainers in whom we could regularly marvel and from whom our kids were to learn.

And so were the later arrivals, like Raul Blanco and even Rudolfo Gnani who, it is true, was not a success with St George but had spent a couple of marvellous seasons with Pan Hellenic earlier.

There were of course some Argentinians who filed APIA, of



Campana



Gnani



Blanco

all clubs, lost heavily in the late 80s when flying high on Campania, it allowed a steady go-between to sell it a group of duds.

But, numerically, Argentinian duds were few and if you consider two or three years of regular, First Division, first team status as a success then the vast majority of them have been successful.

Frederico Gordon has clearly not been one of them and, not having seen him play, I would not for a moment criticise APIA for having rejected him.

But neither would I criticise them for having had the courage in the first place to import him.

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## Shepparton's Lemnos: 11 grand finals, eight titles

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

What Victorian club can boast a record to match that of Lemnos Makedonia of Shepparton, which has won 11 grand finals and eight championships in the North Eastern Soccer League since 1974?

Formed in 1972, Lemnos Makedonia spent a year in the NESL's Second Division, then won a First Division berth. From then on, the club's record truly has been amazing. It won senior grand finals in 1974, 75, 79, 81, 82, 83 and 1984, and the reserves won grand finals in 1979, 80, 81 and 1983.

Lemnos Makedonia won senior championships in 1974, 75, 80, 81, 83 and 1984 and the reserves won championships in 1980 and 1981.

While the bulk of Lemnos Makedonia's first and reserve team squads comes from the local area here also are three "imports" from Melbourne, the best known being former Soccerroos youth team and Preston Makedonia star John Little who won the NESL's Player of the Year award this season and was the league's leading scorer. The other "imports" are from Kellor Austria midfielder Nick Tasevski and former Broadmeadows midfielder Alec Najdovski.

And just to top off a great 1984 season which saw the seniors do the double — win both the championship and grand final — for the fifth time Lemnos Makedonia's under-14's also won the championship.

Who knows, we may see Lemnos Makedonia of Shepparton emulating country cousin Morwell Falcons and becoming one of the most re-



## Big week for Francis

John Francis (second from left) of Azzurri, after winning the South Australian Rothmans Medal with a record 45 votes.

Francis is pictured with Rothmans SA manager Neil Abercrombie (third from left) and previous winners from left: Jan Kierno, Garrie Dooley (Polonia), Adrian Santrac (Boegrad) and Terry Hayes (Birkalla).

Francis, 31, announced his retirement last year, after finishing second to Kierno in the Rothmans Medal voting, but later changed his mind.

He joined Birkalla in 1969, transferred to

Azzurri in 1974, returned to Birkalla in 1977 and went back to Azzurri in 1980.

Francis capped a great week by helping Azzurri beat Campbelltown 2-1 in the PGH Federation Cup final at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Picture by BRIAN GRANT.

Top vote-getters: J. Francis (Azzurri) 45; G. Dooley (Polonia) 27; A. Santrac (Boegrad) 23; R. Marwe (Croatia) 22; T. Hayes (Birkalla) 20; J. Kierno (Polonia) 20; H. Bell (Salisbury Utd), A. Cook (West Ad); G. Tomlinson (Para Hills) 16; J. Campbell (Elizabeth C) 15; R. Alberton (Ade-laide C) 14; L. Casimiro (Croatia), L. Humphreys (Para Hills), J. Hood (Boegrad), G. Nikolic 13 (Port Ad); D. Gallina (Para Hills) 12; L. Sullivan (Elizabeth C) 10; S. Baker (West), S. Caggiano (Croatia), D. Rasmir (Boegrad), B. Welsh (Boegrad), G. Wickstein (Birkalla) 9.

## Woodhouse aiming high again

Greg Woodhouse, 23, the wonder boy of goalkeeping when Rudi Gutendorf handled the Soccerroos, aims to cap his strong comeback by winning his way into Australia's World Cup squad.

Woodhouse cooled his heels in Croatia's youth team after transferring from APIA earlier in the season, until Steve Watson went down with back strain and flu.

The former Soccerroo grasped his comeback chance with both hands. He since has demonstrated the physical and mental toughness that distinguishes the Upper Crust of goalkeepers from the bunch.

Croatia began to climb with the introduction of Woodhouse and Yugoslav imports Zeljko Jurin and Vedran Rosic to the team.

Recalling the ups and



Greg Woodhouse (left) with Soccerroo coach Rudi Gutendorf in Canton, China, in 1979.

house said: "I started my career as a full international against England in 1981.

"I followed up by playing against the Cosmos, Mexico, Dynamo, Zagreb and Northern Ireland.

"At that stage I twice went

Norwich City and other clubs. I could have won the contract but Gutendorf made it clear that I had to be in Australia to represent in the World Cup.

"I did not expect to be in Frank Arok's present World Cup plans but I have plenty to offer them before then."

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## Australia-England game off

The Soccerroos' match against the England B team in December has been cancelled.

The ASF decided to call off the match after re-examining Australia's European tour commitments.

"We looked at the programme and we are playing Manchester City, Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Rangers in Britain and then heading to Europe for matches in Greece and Holland" ASF secretary Brian Emery said.

"We were going to travel back to Britain for the match against England but decided there just wouldn't be time."

However Emery said negotiations were under way for a possible match against Saudi



# Players, coaches, refs honored at Fleming dinner

By  
**LAURIE SCHWAB**

Paul Wade (Green Gully), Gary McDowell (JUST), Josip Biskic (Croatia) and Robbie Dunn (Makedonia) appear to be the leading candidates for the Victorian NSL Player of the Year award to be presented at the Bill Fleming Medal dinner on Friday week.

The dinner will be at the City and Overseas Club in Windsor and tickets still are available from Jim Bakatsoulis (329 6581) or Les Shorrock (527 2808).

Other candidates for the NSL player award include: **Charlie Egan** (Hellas), **Charlie Yankos** (Heidelberg-Alexander) and **Robbie Cullen** (Juventus).

Votes for the award are cast by members of the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA).

**Chris Bambridge** is in the running for a remarkable sixth straight triumph in the Referee of the Year category.

He first won the award in 1976. It was not presented again until 1980, and he has won it each time since.

But the most prestigious award of the night will be the Bill Fleming Medal, named after the late Bill Fleming who was the soccer



• **Chris Bambridge** — going for his sixth award

## Moore, Markovac, Margaritis. Wade among candidates

writer for the old "Argus" newspaper.

Fleming initiated the Argus Medal, which served as Victoria's official best and fairest award from 1954 to 1970, when the Rothmans Medal was introduced.

Soccer writers then introduced their own Press award for State League players, named after Bill Fleming.

Top candidates for the award this year include: **Steve Smith** (Box Hill), **Bill Lazopoulos** (Western Suburbs), **Steve Moore** (Morwell Falcons), **Stefan Mita** (Polonia), **Ian Tuffield** (Fawkner), **Branko Culina** (St Albans) and **Janusz Przybyla** (Polonia).

Smith, the Box Hill striker, already has won the "Soccer Action" Schipano Home Furnishers Player of the Year award. Dom Schipano will present Smith with a voucher for \$1000 worth of furniture during the Bill Fleming Medal dinner.

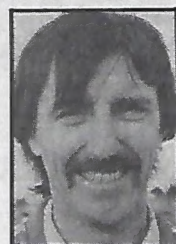
Przybyla, the former Polish First Division player, tied with Smith as top scorer in the State League, although he missed many games due to injury, so he too is expected to poll well.

Lazopoulos, the exciting Western Suburbs forward, is sure to attract votes for his devastating wing play; Moore has had an excellent season in Morwell's mid-field; Culina always pulls well, as does Mita; and big Tuffield has been the focal point of Fawkner's play all season.

The voting for the best Victorian under 21 player probably will be narrowed down to three players — **Robert Markovac** (Croatia), **John Kanasoulis** (Hellas) and **Ossie Latif** (George Cross), although **Con Opasina** (Makedonia), **Andrew Zini** (Juventus), and **Angelo Postecoglou** (Hellas) also have a chance.

Latif has scored eight of George Cross's 22 goals this year — an excellent effort in a team that has won only four games. Imagine how many more he would have scored in a winning side!

Markovac has scored five — also a good effort for a player who is the youngest in his team.



• **Jimmy Dunne**



• **Brian Garvey**



• **John Margaritis**

The coach of the year award probably will be between **John Margaritis** (Juventus), **Brian Garvey** (Heidelberg) and **Jimmy Dunne** (Morwell Falcons).

Margaritis has Juventus in the top five in the club's first NSL season, despite a never ending run of injuries and suspensions, and along the way, Juventus beat Hellas, Heidelberg and Croatia!

Garvey, in his first year in

Australia, overcame the loss of senior players Gary Cole, Jim Campbell, Derek Lee and Jim Tansey and succeeded in making Heidelberg a leading contender for the National Conference championship.

And Dunne's feat in leading Morwell Falcons to the State League championship needs no elaboration.

The Victorian awards will provide a pointer to the ASPA national awards at the APFA club in Sydney on October 23.

Here's a brief run-down on the major contenders for the Victorian NSL best player award:

**PAUL WADE** (Green Gully): Has been fighting a two-man war with John Bradley of APFA in the voting for the Boral Bricks Soccer Action \$1500 award and is one of the most energetic and dominating midfielders in the NSL.

**GARY McDOWELL** (Footscray JUST): The cornerstone on which JUST has built its most successive NSL season yet, he has dominated in defence and has been a driving force in mid-field when the club could afford to release him from the back line.

**JOSIP BISKIC** (Croatia): One of the most skillful and most exciting wingers in Australia, he has all the qualities of skill, flair and imagination that send fans into raptures.

**ROBBIE DUNN** (Makedonia): Took some time to settle down after joining from West Adelaide Hellas but then became the dominating player in the Makedonia team. Playing mostly in defence, he nevertheless is Makedonia's top scorer.

**CHARLIE EGAN** (Hellas): Players from Hellas will find it tough in the voting, because they will share the votes between them. Egan, however, appears to have been the most consistent player over the season.

**CHARLIE YANKOS** (Heidelberg-Alexander): He won the award last year and remains one of the most powerful centre backs in Australia.

**ROBBIE CULLEN** (Juventus): Has gone from strength to strength as the season progressed. Endless worker on the flank, non-stop competitor.



• **Morwell Falcons' goalscoring mid-fielder Steve Moore** — Fleming Medal candidate.



• **Box Hill striker Steve Smith** wins an aerial duel.



• **Green Gully star Paul Wade** (left) holds off **Steve Maxwell** of Adelaide Juventus.



• **Gary McDowell**



• **Robert Markovac**



**Josip Biskic** (left) of Melbourne Croatia, shoots past **Mick Valentina** of Heidelberg.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

### ARGUS MEDAL

- 1954 — M. Payne (South Yarra)
- 1955 — M. Busidoni (Juventus)
- 1956 — R. Wemyss (Polonia) and J. Cubero (JUST) — tie
- 1957 — J. McLeod (Box Hill)
- 1958 — W. Westrevel (Wilhelmina)
- 1959 — A. Drannan (Box Hill)
- 1960 — W. Janczyk (Polonia)
- 1961 — F. Falzon (George Cross)
- 1962 — F. Falzon (George Cross)
- 1963 — J. Sanchez (Slavia)
- 1964 — F. Micic (JUST)
- 1965 — G. Scott (Juventus)
- 1966 — P. Aldis (Wilhelmina)
- 1967 — F. Micic (JUST)
- 1968 — J. Rooney (Lions)
- 1969 — J. O'Neill (Hakoah)
- 1970 — D. Pygall (Wilhelmina)

### BILL FLEMING MEDAL

- 1971 — J. Pyrgolios (SM-Hellas)
- 1972 — J. Gardiner (George Cross)
- 1973 — F. Micic (JUST)
- 1974 — J. Armstrong (SM-Hellas)
- 1975 — B. Vojtek (Juventus)
- 1976 — J. Tansey (Slavia)
- 1977 — M. Watkins (Juventus)
- 1978 — T. Cumming (Croatia)
- 1979 — T. Cumming (Croatia)
- 1980 — J. Dunne (Ajax)
- 1981 — C. Egan (Frankston)
- 1982 — Peter Lewis (Ajax)
- 1983 — Paul Lewis (Ajax)

### NSL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- 1980 — John Yzendoorn (Heidelberg-Alexander)
- 1981 — Alan Evans (SM-Hellas)
- 1982 — Jim Campbell (Heidelberg-Alexander)
- 1983 — Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg-Alexander)

### BEST UNDER 21 PLAYER

- 1976 — Arthur Xanthopoulos (Hellas)
- 1980 — Alan Davidson (SM-Hellas)
- 1981 — Steve Blair (SM-Hellas)
- 1982 — Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg-Alexander)
- 1983 — Con Opasina (Preston-Makedonia)

### COACH OF THE YEAR

- 1976 — Cedo Cirkovic (JUST)
- 1980 — John Margaritis (SM-Hellas)
- 1981 — Bobby McLachlan (Green Gully)
- 1982 — Bobby McLachlan (Green Gully)
- 1983 — Peter Ollerton (Preston-Makedonia)

### REFEREE OF THE YEAR

- 1976 — Chris Bambridge
- 1980 — Chris Bambridge

Some previous winners of the Bill Fleming Medal, from left, standing: **Peter Lewis** (1982), **Jim Armstrong** (1974), **Frank Micic** (1973), **John Gardiner** (1972); Front: **Jim Pyrgolios** (1971), **Paul Lewis** (1983), **Tommy Cumming** (1978 and 79), **Billy Vojtek** (1976).







# New hope for Georgie

By LAURIE SCHWAB

## Youth leagues

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE:** Leichhardt 2, Wollongong 0, Blacktown 1, Penrith 0, Melita Eagles 1, Sydney City 0, Marconi 2, Croatia 1, Olympic 1, St George 1.

**Points:** AIS 36, Melita Eagles 30, St George 30, Leichhardt 29, Newcastle 28, Canberra 27, Sydney City 22, Marconi 22, Blacktown 21, Olympic 20, Penrith 16, Croatia 15, Wollongong 14.

## Macedonian concerts

Preston Macedonia will benefit from concerts involving Macedonian entertainers at Westgarth Theatre on November 2 and 3.

The entertainers are: Janko Uzunov, Boga Petreska, Marjana Maseva, Borce Polizovski and Cetanka Maseva.

## VSF Travel top scorers

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Amco Travel, is sponsoring our 1984 National Conference Top Scorer award.

The winner receives a trip to Europe, flying Thai International.

### Leaders:

18. D. Brown (SM).
11. Winn (H'berg), Lewis (GG).
9. Sweeney (Juve), Ward (Juve), Patterson (H'berg), Konstantopoulos (WA), Cairney (BL).
8. Dunn (Mak), Egan (SM), Latif (GC).
7. Brogan, Gojevic (M.Cr), Lujic (JUST), Panagis, Malavazos (WA), Villani (AC), McDonagh, Daut (BL).

## Makedonia or Brisbane Lions for the finals; Penrith or Melita Eagles to be relegated — and new hope for George Cross.

They're the angles of interest in the last round of the NSL home and away series on Sunday.

Makedonia's chances of qualifying for the finals have been improved because Lions will come to Melbourne without Alan Hunter and Bobby McSkimming who both are suspended.

And Makedonia also has the home ground advantage. Melita must beat Penrith to avoid relegation — and vice-versa — but Don Allan is suspended and Stuart Johnson took a bad knock against Sydney Hakoah last week.

George Cross, doomed to relegation long ago, may get a reprieve.

Morwell Falcons, the Victorian State League champions, may decide not to accept promotion, and if the option is given to the second-placed team, Polonia, it too is likely to decline.

That means the NSL vacancy will be thrown open to applications, and in that case, George Cross almost certainly would be retained.

Sydney Olympic's hopes of finishing on top of the Australian Conference ladder — a decided advantage, as the top team need play only one match to get into the grand final — have been diminished by Hakoah's goal spree against Melita Eagles last Sunday.

Hakoah now has a commanding advantage on goal difference, and will retain top place even if it loses to Olympic on Sunday.

Melbourne Croatia should have Tommy Cumming back in its opening line-up against Hellas at Middle Park, after he was used only as a substitute last Sunday because of injury. Croatia must win to retain second position. If Hellas wins, then Heidelberg could take over second spot by beating Juventus which, however, is unlikely, as Juventus is playing very well and will have Gary Ward back up front after suspension, and Heidelberg has Steve Winn and Charlie Yankos out suspended.

St George and Sydney Croatia will be the main game of a double-header featuring also Marconi v APIA, at Marconi Stadium.

The games were so scheduled, because it was thought that

## Team of the week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

GEREMIA (1) (B.U. Juventus)	S. O'CONNOR (2) (SC Hakoah)	DOBSON (3) (Makedonia)	BOZANIC (3) (APIA)
CULLEN (3) (B.U. Juventus)	DOWIE (3) (B.U. Juventus)	P. FALCONER (1) (SC Hakoah)	
HEYS (2) (Makedonia)	SANDY (2) (Blacktown)	G. CAMPBELL (1) (Makedonia)	

Sunday's last-round NSL matches, with likely winners in capitals:

**PRESTON-MAKEDONIA** v Brisbane Lions at Connor Reserve, 3pm.  
**CANBERRA ARROWS** v Blacktown City at Bruce Stadium, 3pm.  
 Melita Eagles v Penrith (draw) at Gabbie Stadium, 3pm.  
**MARCONI** v APIA-Leichhardt at Marconi Stadium, 1pm.  
**ST GEORGE BUDAPEST** v Sydney Croatia at Marconi Stadium, 3pm.  
**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** v Melbourne Croatia at Middle Park, 3pm.  
**B.U. JUVENTUS** v Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park No 2, 3pm.  
 Sydney City Hakoah v Sydney Olympic (draw) at St George Stadium, 3pm.  
 Footscray JUST v GREEN GULLY at Schintler Reserve, 3pm.  
**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS** v Brisbane City at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30pm.  
**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS** v West Adelaide Hellas at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm.  
**NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD** v Wollongong at Adamstown Oval, 3pm.

The St George — Croatia game would have a bearing on relegation, but as it turns out, neither team is in danger after last Sunday's matches.

Newcastle-Rosebud should beat Wollongong, to finish a respectable sixth on the ladder, despite all the problems it has had to face this season.

## Bradley still five in front

John Bradley (APIA) and Paul Wade (Green Gully) remains five points apart in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award, so the winner will be determined in the last round.

In case of a tie, there will be a countback, with the winner getting \$1000, and the runner-up \$500.

In case of a tie for the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award, penalties will be deducted and if it's still a tie, we will count goals in the finals series, plus National Cup goals. If it's still a tie, we will use Ampol Cup and Buffalo Gold Cup goals.

John Kosmina (Hakoah) with 20 goals, leads Doug Top vote-getters:  
 82. Bradley (APIA)  
 77. Wade (GC)  
 72. Melita (AC)  
 68. McIntosh (Pen)  
 60. Biskic (M. Cr)  
 59. McDowell (JUST)  
 56. Cullen (Juve)  
 55. Jackson (BL)  
 54. Dunn (Mak)  
 53. Franken (Can)  
 52. K. Wilson (ME), Yankos (H'berg), Egan (SM)  
 50. Patikas (SO)  
 49. Dowie (Juve), McMillan (Mak), Komina (SC)  
 47. Gray (APIA)  
 46. Katholos (SO), Williams (GC)  
 45. Hoare (Black), P. Treddinick (APIA), McPherson (ME)

Brown (SM-Hellas) who has 18.

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS	17	4	6	45	20	38
MELBOURNE CROATIA	13	7	7	38	28	33
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	13	7	7	36	27	33
B.U. JUVENTUS	13	4	10	36	41	30
BRISBANE LIONS	12	5	10	38	36	29
Preston Macedonia	11	5	11	42	33	27
Footscray J.U.S.T.	10	5	12	28	30	25
Adelaide City Juventus	9	5	13	31	33	23
Green Gully	8	6	13	31	35	22
Brisbane City	8	5	14	20	37	21
West Adelaide Hellas	7	5	15	38	51	19
Sunshine-George Cross	5	6	16	23	55	16

### AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	17	7	3	66	20	41
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	16	7	4	60	26	39
APIA-LEICHHARDT	12	8	7	42	31	32
MARCONI	11	8	8	54	38	30
BLACKTOWN CITY	11	6	10	42	48	28
Newcastle-Rosebud	11	4	12	34	50	26
Canberra Arrows	12	1	14	47	38	25
St. George Budapest	8	9	10	38	39	25
Sydney Croatia	7	11	9	30	38	25
Melita Eagles	8	8	11	23	36	24
Penrith	7	10	10	27	41	24
Wollongong	4	5	18	20	58	13

## BORAL BRICKS

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44. Brion (St G), Bertogna (APIA)	9. Sweeney, Ward (Juve), Patikas, Koussas, Theodorakopoulos (SO), Patterson (H'berg), Konstantopoulos (WA), Cairney (BL)
42. Barnes (SC), Lowe (Mar), O'Reilly (GC)	8. Dunn (Mak), Farina (Can), Brandt (New), Jackson (Pen), Kotamanidis (W), Lee (SC), Egan (SM), Latif (GC)
41. Bryant (Can)	7. Brogan, Gojevic (M.Cr), Lujic (JUST), Perinovic, Bryant, Reis (Can), Todd (New), Kalantzis (SO), Cotton (Pen), Sandy, Larkin (Black), Caban (APIA), Fletcher (SC), Panagis, Malavazos (WA), Villani (AC), McDonagh, Daut (BL)
40. Gibson (Pen), Vlietstra (W), Vidaic (S.Cr), Oliver (H'berg)	
Top scorers:	
29. Kosmina (SC)	
18. D. Brown (SM)	
13. Katholos (SO), Lowe (Mar)	
12. R. Brown (Mar)	
11. Marlon (St G), Bradley (APIA), Arnold (S.Cr), Winn (H'berg), Lewis (GC)	
10. Jankovics (Mar), McCulloch (Mar)	

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Pr 8th) GREEN GULLY AJAX 0** at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1800. Ratings by Ken Kontra.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Tomkinson 8 — Taylor 8, Scerri 7, O'Reilly 8, Bennett 7, McLaren 7, Faulkner 7, Jovanovic 8, Toal 7, Pit 7, Latif 7. Coach: Billy Wilson.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Danyis 8, McLelland 6, Cannell 8, Williamson 7, Hogben 6, McGuinness 5 (Krajaic half time), Wade 8, Smallman 7, Vassallo 7, Lewis 7, Carter 6. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Tomkinson (GC), 5. O'Reilly (GC), 4. Cannell (GC), 3. Jovanovic (GC), 2. Taylor (GC), 1. Wade (GC).

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Halford 14th, Brown 66th) HEIDELBERG UNITED 0** at Middle Park. Attendance about 10,000. Ratings by Bob Brian:

SOUTH MELB. HELLAS: Laumets 7, Russell 7, Blair 7, Yzendoorn 8, Postecoglou 6, Davidson 7, Halford 7, Crino 8, Murphy 6, Brown 6, Egan 8. Coach: Len McKendry.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Oliver 7, McKie 7, MacLeod 7, Yankos 7, Marley 7, Soleimidis 5 (Petersen 65), Angele 6, Valentin 6, Patterson 6, Winn 6, Tasios 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6. Crino (SM), 5. Egan (SM), 4. Yzendoorn (SM), 3. Marley (H), 2. MacLeod (H), 1. Yankos (H).

**ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Maxwell 10', Gattenvy 26', Villani 57') WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0** at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 1800. Ratings by Frank Pangallo:

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McNally 7, Shillabeer 7, Flounders 7, Nyskohos 8, Tobin 7, Gattenvy 7, Melita 8, Villani 7, Maxwell 8, Mullen 7, Rankin 7. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 7, McGregor 6, Baker 6, Hiern 7, Mousoulis 7, McGachy 6, Panagis 6, Papadopoulos 7, Malavazos 6, Kritikos 6. Coach: Sam Salapadiss.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Melita (AC), 5. Maxwell (AC), 4. Nyskohos (AC), 3. Tobin (AC), 2. Sproul (WA), 1. Hiern (WA).

**BRISBANE LIONS 2 (McDonagh 46th, 67th) Brisbane City 1 (Pimblett 5th)** at Richlands. Crowd: 1017. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

LIONS: Farrow 8, McSkimming 7, Jackson 8, Vasquez 7, Niven 8, R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 8, Junna 8, Anderson 7, McDonagh 9, Mulvey 6. Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8, Fabrizio 7, Milovanovic 6, Liddell 8, Bromfield 7, Swan 6 (Kovats 56th), Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7, Chapman 6 (Walsh 39th), 6. Mengotti 6, Scriggins 6. Coach: Frank Pimblett.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Jackson (BL), 5. McDonagh (BL), 4. Frank Liddell (BL), 3. Wishart (BL), 2. Junna (BL), 1. J. Stewart (BL).

**PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 1 (Heys 34th) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0** at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 4000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8, McMillan 8, Dobson 9, Dunn 8, Opatinis 8, Flavell 8, Iliiski 8, Heys 9, Lucchesi 8, Lane 8, Campbell 9. Coach: Frank McAleer.

J.U.S.T.: Boland 8 — Hazabent 8, Kyriakoulas 7, Tutill 7, Tansey 8 — Curovic 6 (Fernandez 74th), Karic 7, Belic 8 — Carroll 6, Caban 4, O'Donnell 7, 55th, Lujic 4. Coach: Cedo Cirkev.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Heys (Mak), 5. Campbell (Mak), 4. Dobson (Mak), 3. Iliiski (Mak), 2. Belic (JUST), 1. Wilson (Mak).

**MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 BRUNS JUVENTUS 1 (Sweeney 61st)** at Olympic Park no. 1. Attendance: 2639. Ratings by Peter Desira.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Banovic 9, Lewis 8, Curcio 7, Parton 7 (Cumming 62nd), Hannah 6 (Deankovic 46th), Biskic 6, Antolovic 6, Campbell 6, Gojevic 6, Markovac 7, Brogan 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Martin 7, Geremia 9, Drincovsky 8, Rogers 7, Campbell 7, Saglam 7 (Minichiello 77th), Lloyd 7, Dowie 9, Cullen 9, Sweeney 8, Zivak 8. Coach: John Margeritis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Geremia (BJ), 5. Dowie (BJ), 4. Cullen (BJ), 3. Banovic (MC), 2. Sweeney (BJ), 1. Drincovsky (BJ).

## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

**SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Carter o.g.52') MARCONI 2 (Mason 45', Jankovics 61')** Crowd:2805. At King Tomislav Park. Ratings by Paul Goodwin:

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse 7, Garkovic 7, Tomasic 7, Sterrey 6, Vidaic 7, Meades 5 (Boden 58'), Savor 6, Clinch 8 — Jurin 8, Arnold 6, Borges 7. Coach: Vedran Rodic.

MARCONI: James 7, Carter 8, Spanos 7, Henderson 7, Calderan 6, Mason 7, Jankovics 6, McCulloch 7, Shame 5, Brown 6 (Carbone 45'), 7. Lowe 8. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Jurin (C), 5. Lowe (M), 4. Carter (M), 3. Tomasic (C), 2. Clinch (C), 1. Mason (M).

**SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 6 (O'Connor 16th, 35th, Falconer 31st, Barnes 33rd, Lee 65th, Foxman 73rd) MELITA EAGLES 0** at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1100. Ratings by Peter Scott:

HAKOAH: Pezzano 8, Gomez 7, Robertson 7, O'Connor 9, de Marigny 7, Watson 6 (Foxman 71st), Kay 6, Barnes 8, P. Falconer 9 — Lee 8, Fletcher 8 (Patterson 75th). Coach: Eddie Thomson.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 5 — McAusland 5, McGinn 5, Wilson 4 (McDonald 6, 46th), Treddinick 6 — Laing 5, Allan 5 (sent off 82nd), Jamieson 6, Farrugia 5 (McKie 6, 46th) Johnston 6, Andricopoulos 6. Coach: Raul Blanco.

Best six for Boral Bricks Award: 6. Falconer, 5. O'Connor, 4. Barnes, 3. Pezzano, 2. Lee, 1. Fletcher (all Hakoah).

**APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Bradley 31st) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Willis Pen. 46th)** at St George stadium. Crowd: 642. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parks 7, Bozanic 8, Ziras 7, Pullen 7, Brown 7, Butler 8, Treddinick 7, De Ceglie 5 (Colaguri 85th), Bradley 7, Caban 6 (George 62nd), 6. Morrell 6. Coach: Fil Bertolico.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7, Condon 7, Vlietstra 8, Willis 7, Gleaming 7, Durrmett 6, Kerr 6 (Bundalo 75th), Gaffney 8, Beggs 7, Fontana 5, Kotamanidis 8. Coach: Adriana Alston.

Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Kotamanidis (W), 5. Bozanic (AI), 4. Butler (AI), 3. Gaffney (W), 2. Vlietstra (W), 1. Bradley (AI).

**BLACKTOWN 4 (McLaughlin 27th, 68th, Sandy 36th, O'Connor 85th) PENRITH CITY 1 (Cotton 8th)** at the Gabbie. Crowd: 500. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 7 — Wheatley 7, Dunlavy 7, Pointer 7, Skellern 7 — Salvage 7, Byrne 8, Bourke 7 — McLaughlin 8, Sandy 8, O'Connor 7. Coach: Casey de Bruin.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 6 — Brogan 7, Daley 6, Campbell 8, Cross 6 — Alinsworth 6, Fitzharris 6 (Hale 88th), Waterspoon 6 — Hunter 6 (Easthope 63rd — 5), Cotton 7, Jackson 5. Coach: Willie Wallace.

Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Sandy (B), 5. McLaughlin (B), 4. Campbell (P), 3. Byrne (B), 2. O'Connor (B), 1. Wheatley (B).

**ST GEORGE 1 (Petkovski 55th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Soper 77th, Theodorakopoulos 83rd)** at St George Stadium. Crowd 406. Ratings by Roger Sherrick:

ST GEORGE: Greedy 7, Skoten 6, M. O'Shea 8, J. O'Shea 8, Kokcia 7, Stone 6, Barton 7, Rizzo 7, Slater 5, Petkovski 6, Batten 7. Coach: Frank Ark.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Phillips 7, Coady 8, Dakos 7, Jennings 7, Patikas 6, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 8, Koussas 6 (Soper 73rd), Theodorakopoulos 8, Kalantzis 8. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Kalantzis (SO), 5. Raskopoulos (SO), 4. J. O'Shea (St G), 3. Katholos (SO), 2. M. O'Shea (St G), 1. Theodorakopoulos (SO).

**NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD 2 (Boogaard 41st, Allen 49th) CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (Sermanni 50th)** at Adamstown Oval. Crowd 1784. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD: Gosling 7, Maier 8, Owens 7, Boogaard 8, Thompson 7, Kerby 6 (McQuarrie 63rd), Senkalski 7, Jones 7, Milosevic 6, Brandt 7, Allen 6. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Franken 7, Ontong 7, Harkins 8, Christopoulos 7, Jones 6, Sermanni 8, Young 6 (Farina 8, half time), Brockbank 7, Gibson 6, Perinovic 6, Reis 6, Coach: Doug Collins.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6. Boogaard (NR), 5. Sermanni (C), 4. Maier (NR), 3. Harkins (C), 2. Farina (C), 1. Senkalski (NR).

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# 99 goals in a season - now off to England

Gavan Paine, a 19-year-old Aboriginal forward from the Latrobe Valley (Vic) leaves for England on 17 November, for trials with Liverpool, Aston Villa and Norwich City.

Paine (pictured) holds the Latrobe Valley

goalscoring record, with a 1980 total of 99 goals for the Pegasus senior team while he was only 15 years old!

He played for Hakoah Juniors, for Morwell Falcons, and has just completed a season with Fortuna in Gippsland.

His trip to England is being sponsored by the Victorian Aboriginal Youth, Sport and Recreation Centre in Melbourne.

Paine, who scored 14 goals for Fortuna this year, has played in defence as well as in midfield. He made his senior debut for Morwell Falcons as a substitute against Hellas in 1982.

He has just completed an apprenticeship as a landscape gardener and curator with the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## IN FOCUS

With Peter Scott

## NASL end in sight, NSL next?

For at least half a decade, the National League has modelled itself in many respects on its North American counterpart, the NASL.

It is now my sad duty to announce that our role model is bankrupt, without status, credibility — and almost without any teams. I observed this sad state of affairs during my recent visit to the USA, arranged with the professional assistance of the Sheraton Hotel chain.

Soccer in America is rushing headlong into an ersatz indoor version of the game, which may be great entertainment — but has very little affinity with the real thing.

When four of the nine NASL clubs gained entry last month into the Indoor League (MISL) it became a watershed, being followed in quick succession by the decision of Tulsa — defending champion and not one of the four lucky ones — to cease operations and Chicago to concentrate solely on indoor action.

Crowds are down to Sydney and Melbourne standards in many instances, and with the increasing lack of big overseas names the standard has also dropped and media exposure is minimal.

Cosmos, that symbol of success to soccer around the world, publicly has stated that they are giving the NASL one more season, before possibly folding their tent for good.

An all-star game featuring Pele, among a host of other world class stars, left some 45,000 empty seats at Giants Stadium. Even though the other 34,000 odd had bottoms on them, the result was considered a financial and promotional disaster by the Cosmos.

All of the problems and mistakes some of us have warned the ASF and NSL about during its "American era" right up to this year have come home to roost. Maybe now someone will start to listen.

World Soccer's controlling body, FIFA, deserves the "sad sack" award of international sport, in the wake of the olympic tournament.

Average crowds of nearly 45,000, including six figure attendances at the semi-finals and final, make a mockery of the decision not to give serious consideration to the American application to host the 1986 World Cup. FIFA managed to throw away millions with one stupid, rash decision.

It was a revelation to be in Los Angeles and see the rapturous and enthusiastic throngs attending what was really a pretty poor tournament. My fearless forecast is that the average attendance in Mexico won't be anywhere near what it was in L.A. and the other venues.

While the NASL, with its determinedly third generation American image and its Blizzards and Comets and the like is dead as a dodo, the Olympics were a near sell-out.

Therein lies a lesson for Australia, if only our administrators and media are going to listen just for once.

The hundreds of thousands of soccer lovers at the Olympics were to a very large extent made up of Americans of various ethnic backgrounds, neglected, discouraged and discriminated against by the NASL since its establishment.

Soccer's natural audience was successfully turned off and the former 24-team league will next year be lucky to still exist. Ditto Australia, unless sanity finally prevails.

On a final note from America, Cosmos general manager Peppe Pinton told his league exactly what to do with rules restricting quality foreign imports.

"The Cosmos will not have matters dictated to them. We will take a leadership role, not what Tulsa or Minnesota want," Peppe said.

Sounds almost like Sydney or Melbourne, NSL against the state federations — and that is where we came in.

## Big soccer series at Games time

By PAUL MOON

Although its request for soccer to be included in the 1990 Commonwealth Games was rejected, the New Zealand Football Association has re-affirmed its intention to stage a tournament in conjunction with the Games.

NZFA chairman Charlie Dempsey, when making the announcement, noted: "Every one of the 32 Commonwealth countries that compete at the Games plays soccer — and in most it is the national sport."

To be precise, soccer is the most popular winter sport in 36 of the 45 independent Commonwealth nations. The exceptions are Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Tonga and Western Samoa.

The code's success at the recent Olympics has encouraged Dempsey to pursue the project. The tournament was watched by 1,421,627 which is 252,164 more than attended athletics, the next most popular event.

This, despite the fact that all attempts to establish professional soccer in southern California had failed miserably.

## Youth takes over

Newcastle Rosobud will play second fiddle to its youth team on Sunday.

The Newcastle-Wollongong City NSL game on will be played as a curtain-raiser to the youth side's big match of the season.

Newcastle's youth team has reached the final of the Youth Cup against Marconi and the interest the game has aroused in Northern New South Wales means the senior side will get second billing.

The National League match will start at 1.15 pm and the Youth Cup final at 3 pm.

# CRINGE, EGAN SHOW WAY!



Bob Brian

Man of the Match:  
**OSCAR CRINO**  
(SM-Hellas)

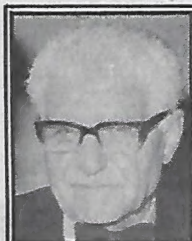
**SM-Hellas 2  
Heidelberg 0**

Scorers: Halford 14th, Brown 66th

Venue: Middle Park

Crowd: about 10,000

Referee: Chris Bambridge



Theo Marmaras

## Death of Theo Marmaras

Theo Marmaras, the grand old man of Australian soccer, is dead.

His funeral will take place at St John's Greek Orthodox Church in Lygon Street, at 11 am on Friday.

Marmaras was a foundation member of the Victorian and Australian Soccer Federations and a former president of South Melbourne Hellas.

And he was the leading negotiator in the readmission of Australia to FIFA in July, 1963.

Marmaras was president of the VSF for many years, and was made a life member of the ASF in 1967.

He also was given the MBE for his service to the community and to sport.



Doug Brown — scored his 18th goal.

Cautions: MacLeod, Yankos, Winn, Angelo (Heid).

Donny MacLeod, Heidelberg-Alexander's rugged defender, got it right when he said: "Hellas was the better team on the day and they just deserved to win."

The truth is that apart from a brief spell early in the second half, Hellas was never in any real danger.

There were only a couple of occasions when Heidelberg looked like scoring. Once when young Steve Tasios was sent clear by Micky Valentine and shot high over the bar in the 38th minute and again when Scott Patterson headed a Valentine corner wide of the post in the 59th minute.

Apart from that, Hellas was in charge and had it not been for some stubborn defending by Ian McKie, MacLeod, Charlie Yankos and Steve Marley, the result would have been even more convincing.

Heidelberg found it difficult trying to pin down Oscar Crino and his prompting of Charlie Egan deserved better reward.

Egan didn't get onto the score sheet, but it wasn't for the want of trying.

The little striker got through a power of work and had to put up with a great deal of strong arm tactics, especially by Yankos. One tackle by the Soccer sweeper sent Egan soaring into the air and could easily have earned him a booking.

As it was, Yankos did get a yellow card 10 minutes from time after another tackle on Egan.

It was Carl Halford, just back from injury, who sent Hellas on the road to the National Conference championship when he opened the scoring in the 14th minute.

Crino was the architect of the move which sliced through the Heidelberg defence and he also provided the final pass for Halford to knock the ball past Oliver from 10 metres.

Crino repeated the magic in the 66th minute, but this time it was Egan who provided the pass for Dougie Brown to hit his 18th league goal.

Hellas got more and more on top after that, with Alan Davidson playing more as an outside right than a midfielder and Steve Blair and John Yzedoorn in total command at the back.

Young Tasios never really got to grips with his role as stand-in for the suspended Stuart Stevenson in the Heidelberg attack, with the result that Steve Winn got little support and was largely ineffective.

Theo Selenidis, the Heidelberg skipper, suffered the indignity of being replaced by Mike Peterson in the 88th minute but the move made no difference.

By the time he got his bearings, Brown had made the score 2-0 and nothing was going to stop Hellas taking the title.

About the only good to come out of the game from a Heidelberg point of view was the return of Steve Marley after a lengthy lay-off.

Marley was as solid as a rock and now that he has a game under his belt, he will be a big help to Heidelberg's chances in the top five play-offs.

But Hellas will take some stopping now that it has top

## Six to Villa

French international Didier six has joined English First Division club Aston Villa on loan from French club Mulhouse.

Roland Schunzel, director-general of the French second division club, said winger six, 30, who impressed in a private trial match for Villa had agreed to play for the former European champion until June 30, 1985. He said he did not know the financial details.

Six, who has played 52 times for France, has three years of his four-year contract with Mulhouse still to run. But the French club agreed in advance to let him go if it failed to gain promotion last season.

Six is a veteran of two World Cup final series.

spot tucked away and can relax a little.

Coach Len McKendry said after the game: "As far as I'm concerned that's it. We won the championship and the play-offs are incidental."

The last word to Donny MacLeod: "Naturally I'm disappointed at losing, but it was a great game to play in. There was a big crowd and plenty of atmosphere. That's what it's all about."

"We just weren't good enough."



John Kanesoulis — deprived of the chance to play for Australia

## Bench, not Singapore for John!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

South Melbourne Hellas's 18-year-old midfielder John Kanesoulis has been deprived of the chance of a lifetime.

Kanesoulis was chosen to represent Australia in the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore next month.

However, Hellas coach Len McKendry announced late last week he had withdrawn Kanesoulis from the national squad, saying that Kanesoulis needed a rest from soccer (7). Will he then stop training?

Obviously, what he meant was that he wants Kanesoulis for Hellas finals matches.

Yet with Carl Halford back after suspension, Kanesoulis only will sit on the bench!

Kanesoulis and other young players were included for Singapore to get them ready for a youth tournament in Mexico in December, and the World Youth Championship qualifying matches here in February.

If the others do well in Singapore, Kanesoulis's chances of playing in the world championships obviously will be diminished.

National youth coach Jim Shoulder will have to stick with the players who produce the goods and who gain the experience in Singapore.

It seems so unfair — and I know that Kanesoulis is bitterly disappointed.

What makes it worse is that McKendry could, at a pinch, draw on any of the members of Hellas's successful youth team — Con Kikos, Papa Abraham, Peter Vardaxias, Manny Anzekis — as well as the club's longest-serving player Kris Kalifetidis who has been sitting on the bench.

And Hellas has a bye during the first week of the Merlion Cup, which is played from October 14 to 28!

You'll recall that McKendry tried to stop Alan Davidson from going to Europe for trials with Arsenal and Bayern Munich, arguing Davidson should stay and play for Hellas.

Davidson stuck to his guns and went anyway.

Kanesoulis is much younger than Davidson and perhaps feels it would be precarious to stick up for himself the way Davidson did. But he shouldn't have been put into this position.

It would have been his first chance with a national team, and his first trip overseas. Such chances don't come along every week and instead of hamstringing Kanesoulis, the club should have farewellled him with all its best wishes.

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Peter Scott

## Foxman scores in debut, Eagles down to 9 men

**SC-Hakoah 6  
Melita Eag. 0**

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Crowd: 1100.  
Referee: Richard Lorenz 5.  
Scorers: O'Connor 16th and 35th, Falconer 31st, Barnes 33rd, Lee 68th, Foxman 73rd.

Hakoah made sure of staying at the top by handing out the mother and father of a hiding to Melita Eagles.

The Eagles will now have to front up for a do-or-die relegation battle against Penrith this weekend to determine who makes way for Inter Monaro's entry in 1985.

Without the services of John Kosmina, Ean Rodriguez, Keith Falconer and Willie Murray, the Blues were still good enough to prove conclusively that the mishap against Budapest and previous week was only a minor stumble on the way to winning the Conference title.

Melita, even without the services of Silvio Demanuele — injured in a car smash — was quietly confident of stealing a point, but it was on the ropes almost from the kick-off.

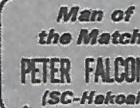
A goalmouth scramble allowed Steve O'Connor to open his account on the quarter hour, but the real demolition job took place in the space of four minutes, starting in the 31st.

Peter Falconer, a free transfer from Manly who is improving with every outing, found the target with a blistering 12-metre drive following goalie McPherson's feeble clearance of a corner kick.

Murray Barnes celebrated his return to the team with a header to make it three and O'Connor as good as wrapped up the two points just two minutes later by tapping in a gentle cross from Paul Kay on the right wing.

The crowd settled down, expecting a fairly straight forward and unexciting second half — but how wrong they were.

Blanco threw into action his two reserves, who did produce some fine things, including a shot from McKie which Kay had to clear off the line. Andriopoulos brought the best save of the match out of



Man of the Match: PETER FALCONER (SC-Hakoah)

Pezano, who parried a low 10 metre drive, which the Melita youngster managed to have a second "bite" at, only to see it cannon off the crossbar.

Then, all of a sudden, the match erupted into acrimony, with O'Connor, de Marigny and Klay all getting booked — the first two for retaliation — and Don Allan receiving his marching orders from referee Lorenz.

Melita, having used up its two substitutes before all this happened, finished the game with only nine men!

Prior to Allan's enforced departure, Stuart Johnston had to be carried off with 25 minutes still on the clock.

The hapless striker suffered concussion in a midfield clash with a Hakoah defender.

Eagles officials threatened to lay charges with the NSL in a heated aftermath.

To that threat Hakoah players reacted with bitter complaints about constant niggling, backcharging, ankle-tapping and, most dangerous of all, repeated kicking over the ball by Helita players.

It was a pity that a scintillating display of football deteriorated into unpleasant incidents on and even for a while off the field and a good measure of the blame must lie with some indecisive refereeing.

Too often the man in the middle resorted to cautioning players who retaliated, which is as it should be.

But why did those who provoked the rather stupid evening of accounts go unpunished? Just a final note of cheer for Hakoah's faithful band of Jewish fans. Young John Foxman made a substitute appearance and scored a marvellous goal, racing into the open and cleverly lobbing the advancing McPherson, with his first touch of the ball.

A fairtale start in the NSL for the first Jewish player to make the team since the heavy 1-1 tie with the legendary Robbie Fekete more than a decade ago!

## Peter the speedster

**A.P.I.A. 1  
Wollongong 1**

Venue: St George Stadium

Scorers: Bradley 31st, Willis pen. 46th.

Crowd: 642

Referee: Ken Small 8

Cautions: Vilastar

Scorers: Bradley 35th, Willis Pen. 46th

Peter Kotamanidis and Larry Gaffney were the stars of this Wollongong side that almost caused the upset of the round.

And while the experience of Gaffney showed in his ability to hold onto the ball as well as distribute with great accuracy, it was the speed of Kotamanidis that stole the show.

Kotamanidis ran onto a through ball with Mark Brown giving chase. Brown made one desperate attempt to stop Kotamanidis, lunging at his feet. The offence took place just inside the box.



Man of the Match: PETER KOTAMANIDIS (Wollongong)

Peter Willis sent Bobby Parks the wrong way and Wollongong Wolves were back in the match.

To be fair to the home side it must be said that John Bradley had his own opportunity to score another and give his side both points. With the score tied at 1-1 and about an hour of play left, Bradley raced through some weak tackles to face Vardareff but his shot went over the bar.

Bradley had better luck in the 31st minute of the first half with a delightful shot which beat Vardareff all ends up from some 35 metres.

— ALEX VESIC

**N. Rosebud 2  
Canberra 1**

Scorers: 1-0 Boogaardt 41st, 2-1 Allen 49th, 2-1 Sermann 50th.

Venue: Adamstown Oval.

Crowd: 1784.

Referee: D. Warner 7.

Cautions: Thompson, Allen (NR), Markins (C).

This result knocked Canberra out of the running for the top five, assured Blacktown of a place in the finals and lifted New-



Joe Lanzoni

castle-Rosebud from 11th to sixth position!

It was a bitter blow to Canberra, which had it won,

would have had an excellent chance of finishing among the top five, as it is due to meet fifth-placed Blacktown in the last round.

Newcastle meets Wollongong in the last round, but while it can finish level on points with Blacktown, it cannot qualify for the finals, as its goal difference is 10 less than that of Blacktown.

Newcastle took the lead against Canberra on Monday when Simon Brandt outjumped the defence, to flick a long throw from Dean Milosevic on



Man of the Match: MIKE BOOGAARDT (New-Rosebud)

to Michael Boogaardt who steadied and picked his spot.

Frank Farina came on at half time to replace Andrew Young who had been playing in central midfield, obviously to mark Newcastle's playmaker

Joe Senkalski. Andrew Brockbank then went onto Senkalski, without much effect, but Farina did make a difference to Canberra's attack.

It was Newcastle, however, that went further ahead. Milosevic sent David Jones away down the wing, and he crossed to Steve Allen who scored with a header at the far post.

One minute later, Marko Perinovic sent Farina away but Farina's shot hit the upright. The ball rebounded to Tommy Sermann who made no mistake, to give Canberra its consolation goal.

## We'll break Vic. hoodoo — Lions

**Brisb. Lions 2  
Brisb. City 1**

Scorers: BL: McDonagh (46th and 67th), BC: Pimblett (5th).

Venue: Richlands.

Crowd: 1017.

Cautions: Jackson (BL), Scrimgeour (BC), McKimmie (BL), Mengotti (BC), R. Stewart (BL), Liddell (BC).

Referee: Alan Kibbler 6.

Brisbane Lions will be without defenders Alan Hunter and Bob McKimmie for their vital clash with Makedonia this weekend.

Both are under suspension. Hunter was outed for two weeks after receiving a caution in Lions' match against SM-Hellas while McKimmie was one of six players shown the yellow card in a rough 2-1 derby win over Brisbane City at Richlands last weekend.

The win put Lions in the box seat for this weekend's clash. The Brisbane side, which has won only once in Melbourne in eight years, needs only to draw with Makedonia to secure fifth place in the National Conference.

The match started sensationally when Lions took the park without a Hunt and big striker Calvin Daunt. Both received yellow cards in the Hellas match and were under suspension but Lions officials kept it a closely guarded secret.

"It was a game we had to win and we didn't want to give City any extra confidence or advantage," Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith said later when apologising to members of the Media.

A juggling of players enabled Lions to overcome the loss of the two regulars but the club's semi-final hopes were further set back when City captain Frank Pimblett scored a brilliant goal after only five minutes.

Pimblett fired a high shot from 40m that fell into the top of the goal, eluding Lions keeper Rob Farrow.

The goal spurred City onto some of their best football this season and the more the match went on, the more it seemed it wasn't going to be Lions' day, despite some excellent play from Steve Jackson, Ray Junna and the Stewart brothers, John and Russell.

But the halftime break saw a complete change in the Lions team and it took McDonagh only 76 seconds to level the scores.

McDonagh dispossessed City hard-man Frank Liddell, then carried the ball nearly 20 metres before pushing a shot to the left of Wishart.

The goal sank City and from then it was just about one-way traffic.

Anderson and Russell Stewart went close before Lions added their second in the 67th minute.



Ricky Rosso

It was clever crossfield running from Anderson which started the move which saw John Stewart overlap down the right and be given a pinpoint pass. He hit a great shot which produced a top-class save from Wishart but the ball rebounded back to Stewart and he kept a cool head, to chip a pass across to McDonagh to net into an open goal.

It was a dejected City player-coach Frank Pimblett who



Man of the Match: JIM McDONAGH (Brisbane Lions)

after the game said five of his team took the park unfit.

The Lions dressing room though was buzzing with everyone confident of taking both points in Melbourne, although Lions have not done that since beating Mooroolbark in 1977.

"We should have beaten South Melbourne and the way we played that day proved we can win in Melbourne. The mental part of the losing hoodoo has been broken. This weekend we will put it to rest once and for all," Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith said.

## SOPER TURNS TIDE

**St George 1  
Syd. Olympic 2**

Scorers: 1-0 Petkovski 55th, 1-1 Soper 77th, 1-2 Theodorakopoulos 83rd.

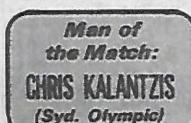
Venue: St George Stadium

Crowd: 4016

Referee: Tim Davies 8.

Socceroo striker Marshall Soper defied doctor's orders to compete as a second-half substitute and lift Sydney Olympic to a comeback 2-1 victory at St George Stadium.

Soper shrugged off a painful shoulder injury to score a brilliant equaliser 13 minutes from full time and Nick Theo-



Man of the Match: CHRIS KALANTZIS (Syd. Olympic)

odorakopoulos then grabbed the winning goal.

The victory boosted Olympic's winning run to nine straight NSL matches.

The day's other results mean that despite being beaten, defending champion St George is at last free from relegation worries after a season of disappointments.

Olympic, slovenly in a first half in which the Saints had the

better of the play, trailed to a 55th minute goal by teenage St George striker Peter Petkovski.

The Saints, dogged in defence and with a makeshift forward line of Petkovski, David Batten and Robbie Slater doing a good job, looked well on their way to a repeat of the previous Sunday's victory over Sydney Hakoah.

Then, with just 17 minutes remaining, Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer introduced Soper for the tiring Mark Koskas.

Four minutes after he was introduced, a slip by the St George defence allowed him to collect the ball unmarked on the edge of the penalty area.

Soper picked his spot and

hammered an unstoppable shot into the top corner of the net, leaving St George goalkeeper Terry Greedy — his Soccer Australia team mate — clutching vainly at the air.

Soper's positive running reduced the previously well disciplined St George defence to tatters and in the 83rd minute Theodorakopoulos, one of the best buys of the year, was well placed in the penalty area to turn home a pass from Peter Raskopoulos.

A 4,016 crowd, most of them Olympic fans and many of them drenched by the heavy rain that fell for long periods, went into paroxysms of delight.

— WINSOR DOBBIN

## Papadopoulos missed a penalty . . .

By FRANK PANGALLO

**AC-Juventus 3  
WA-Adelaide 0**

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: 1800

Scorers: Maxwell (10th), Gatenby (26th), Villani (59th).

Referee: D. Campbell 8.

Only a sense of satisfaction was at stake in this local derby.

After the previous derby, in which tempers flared among players and spectators, police and officials weren't taking any chances.

But there was little spite in the game at all and all the satisfaction belonged to Juventus and coach Edmund Kreft.

Juve was simply too good for the youthful Hellas battlers.

All Hellas could do was simply absorb punishment and expect to grab some consolation on break away.

But those breaks never came. It was all Juve with Sergio Melita leading the charge with another forceful and influential game in midfield.

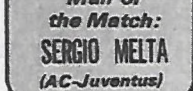
Maxwell, whose form gradually has returned as the season draws to its close, hit the first goal early in the first half, then Gatenby gave Juve a 2-0 lead at the break.

Villani sealed the issue midway through the second half, a fitting end to one of the game's better moves.

Hellas, missing the experience and guile of veterans McGachey and Honeyman, had little method or imagination.

It wasn't Hellas' day and that was typified late in the game when Papadopoulos missed a penalty.

National youth coach Jim Shoulder is considering a number of young Hellas and



Man of the Match: SERGIO MELTA (AC-Juventus)

Juve players for his squad but only Tobin (Juve) and Papadopoulos showed what's needed.

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Blacktown's man of the match, Adam Sandy (right), shadowed by Don Campbell. — Picture: ALEX VESIC

# Watch Juve in finals



**Man of the Match:**  
**PETER DESIRA**  
(Juventus)

## Melb Croatia 0 B. Juventus 1

**Scorer:** Sweeney 61st  
**Venue:** Olympic Park No.1  
**Referee:** Jim Fokianos 9  
**Cautions:** Dowie (BJ), Lewis (MC), Cullen (BJ).

Anybody looking for a dark horse to win the National Conference Championship would be well advised to put his money on Brunswick Juventus and the magic of coach John Margaritis.

Juventus beat Melbourne Croatia 1-0 in this encounter despite being undermanned, to further improve its record against all the top sides.

The victory was Juve's second over Croatia this season and Margaritis' boys have also beaten Heidelberg and South Melbourne Hellas during the year, so they should not be dismissed when he top five series gets under way.

Juventus was without Richard Miranda and Gary Ward but neither was missed as John Dowie and Robert Cullen rose to the occasion and completely dominated proceedings in midfield, while Croatia's lopsided formation gave Frank Geremia the chance to excel at right back for what was probably his best game of the season.

The winning goal of the game was set up appropriately enough by Geremia who finished off a good run down the right wing with an accurate cross to the far post which was planted home with a fierce header by Joe Sweeney.

Only good goalkeeping from Yanka Banovic prevented Juventus from opening the score earlier.

Banovic made a fine save of Geremia's shot in the 27th minute.

Then, three minutes later, the keeper drove to stop a shot from inside the six-yard box from Sweeney after Lloyd had touched the ball on from Andrew Zinni's long throw.

Croatia had, surprisingly enough, the first clear cut chance of the game when in the 22nd minute a Shaun Parton header was cleared off the line by Geremia following a corner kick from Josip Biskic.

But Banovic was far busier at the other end with the constant prompting from Dowie, Cullen and to lesser extent Javass, Saglam and Kevin Lloyd, providing plenty of service for Sweeney and Zinni.

After falling behind, Croatia coach Tony Vrzina replaced Parton, who has a back injury, with Tommy Cumming, leaving only three men at the back in an attempt to inject more fire into Croatia's front line.

Cumming started the game on the bench after missing training mid week due to the lingering injury he sustained at Socceroo training three weeks back.

The change made a big difference.

# Poison dwarfs prove deadly

## Makedonia 1 J.U.S.T. 0

**Scorer:** Heys 34th.  
**Venue:** Connor Reserve.  
**Crowd:** about 4000.  
**Cautions:** Kyriakoulas (JUST).  
**Referee:** Bernie Upjohn 8.

Graham Heys and George Campbell are known among their teammates as the "poison dwarfs" because of their sharp sense for satire. At Connor Reserve on Sunday, their nick-name took on a different meaning, for it was the poison that their inspiring play spread through the opposition, that caused J.U.S.T.'s downfall and pointed Makedonia firmly towards the finals.

Heys and Campbell left the J.U.S.T. players looking as if they had been given a lethal dose of arsenic.

And the J.U.S.T. forwards may as well have been dead and buried for all the immunity they showed to the strychnine offered up by Ian Dobson.

Heys, Campbell and Dobson were the prime movers in what was, however, an all-round team effort by Makedonia. Every player was highly effective, whereas J.U.S.T. had only four players who left a mark on the game.

Vlatko Belic, Jim Tansey, Igor Hazabent and Dennis Boland.

J.U.S.T.'s problem is that it had no teeth in attack. Zdravko Lujic was helpless against George McMillan (Lujic has been carrying an injury for some time). Tony Caban was brushed aside by Dobson and Robbie Dunn, and Joe Carroll had the ball only in areas where it didn't really matter.

Heys and Campbell were absolutely everywhere, although lining up ostensibly as wingers. In midfield, Zoran Ilievski provided the elegance and creativity and Gordon Flavel the aggression. Up front, Claude Lucchesi and Sean Lane (who had a determined opponent in Kyriakoulas), offered themselves for everything and refused to give the J.U.S.T. defence a moment's peace.

Richard Wilson made a couple of inspiring saves in goal, and full backs McMillan and Con Opasinski proved impossible to pass while also showing a lot of experience.

## Man of the Match: GRAHAM HEYS (Makedonia)

pass to Belic whose shot hit a defender, and was cleared quickly by Dobson.

O'Donnell replaced Caban in the 55th minute, and Fernandez came on for Suleiman Curuvic, back after a four-week absence) in the 74th minute.

With six minutes to go, however, it was only goalkeeper Bolan who prevented Makedonia from going further ahead. Heys's cross came off a defender's head and fell for Sean Lane, whose close-range shot was deflected brilliantly by Boland for a corner.

Tansey moved forward with time running out, and launched a promising low shot which could have fooled a lesser goalkeeper than Wilson, because a lot of players were in front of him, blocking his view. Wilson, however, made it look easy.

J.U.S.T. obviously will have to recruit to maintain the improvement it showed this year in achieving its highest league position since 1977. It needs strikers.

In the youth league match, sweepers Ljubo Barjakovic showed he may be ready for a place in the senior team next season — perhaps at full back or even in midfield. He has outstanding skills.

But J.U.S.T. lost the youth league match 0-2 to Makedonia, even though Makedonia was reduced to 10 men when Ljubo Petrovski was sent off the field over his second caution in only the 5th minute of play.

Nick Kotevski scored both of Makedonia's goals.

Teams with ratings:

MAKEDONIA: Traianidis 9 — Momirovski 7, Anastasovski 8, Piculovski 7, Papis 8 — Tasevski 8, Petrovski (sent off), Sekulovski 5 (Brian), Janulovski (Jolevski), Nervous 5 (Dimkovski), Kotevski 9.

J.U.S.T.: Vlainic 6 — Durdevic 7, L. Barjakovic 8, R. Barjakovic 7, Oblak 8 — Paz 8, Perez — Reigosa 8, Lopatic 6, Vega 6 — Fernandez 7 (Pasoski 6, half time), Marchett 7.

## Man of the Match: LAURIE SCHWAB

plivessness and flair going forward.

J.U.S.T. lifted its game significantly when Brian O'Donnell and Jim Fernandez came on as replacements. Fernandez could have made a hero of himself when the ball landed for him close to goal, but his shot found a defender in the way.

Makedonia hasn't conceded a goal in its past five matches, and the team is playing so well that Zarko Odzakovic still is unable to win back his midfield position. With Alan Hunter out suspended, Brisbane Lions look doomed to defeat when they take on Makedonia in the battle for fifth place at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

And if Makedonia qualifies for the finals, it will have a good chance as the other four. There's nothing like coming good at final time.

In the 12 games since Frank McAleer took over as coach, Makedonia has won six, drawn one and lost five, scoring 21 goals to 11 in the process. In the past eight matches, Makedonia has lost only two. Dobson worried J.U.S.T. throughout the match — not only with his powerful defensive play, but also when he went up for corners and free kicks. In fact, he was unlucky not to score with Makedonia's first attempt, after a Heys corner in the 13th minute.

At the other end, Wilson saved from Carroll after Caban had headed the ball down, but Makedonia took the lead shortly afterwards. Iliovski crossed the ball, Heys took it on his chest, turned, and belted it in off the under-side of the crossbar.

Belic replied almost immediately, with a long-range shot which was, however, deflected brilliantly by Wilson.

A narrow miss by Dunn preceded half time, and upon resumption, J.U.S.T. worked a move that deserved better than to be charged down inside the area. Lujic delayed long enough to deliver a fine square

## Man of the Match: PAUL TOMKINSON (George Cross)

A few minutes before full time, both teams had a chance to score. Jon Pit got behind the Gully defence and knocked the ball across the open goal. However, nobody was making a supporting run, and Stuart Cannrill had time to collect the ball and find Paul Wade with his pass. Wade delivered a perfect through ball for Paul Lewis to run onto and he missed his shot, missing the target altogether.

For an inexperienced goalkeeper, Tomkinson also did particularly well, coming off his line. Many times he frustrated the Green Gully forwards with timely interceptions, either holding the ball or punching clear to safety.

The home team went ahead in the 8th minute, when a harmless looking cross from Latif bounced awkwardly, deceiving Lou Denys, and Jon Pit was on hand to knock the ball in from close range.

Just before half time, Green Gully had a chance to draw level. Paul Lewis and David Smallman were involved in a smart bout, but veteran Willie Vassallo lost his balance and failed to put the finishing touch to it when the clear five metres in front of goal.

In the 69th minute, Slobodan Jovanovic robbed Steve McLellan of the ball, and released Latif with a well-weighted through ball. Latif's powerful shot on the run from twelve metres skimmed the bar to the relief of the green and white supporters.

Young goalkeeper Paul Tomkinson was the outstanding player on the day. After his N.S.L. debut the previous week against Juventus, when he conceded four goals, the 17-year-old came back with a match-winning performance.

He produced many fine saves, the best perhaps in the 17th minute from a Paul Lewis header. Oesie Latif's back pass was intercepted by Bobby McGuinness whose cross was powerfully headed down by Lewis. Tomkinson flew across the goal to palm the ball around the post for a corner. This save had class written all over it.

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# Penrith in peril

**Man of the Match:**  
**ADAM SANDY**  
(Blacktown)

## Blacktown 4 Penrith 1

**Venue:** Gabbio Stadium  
**Crowd:** 952  
**Referee:** Gary Power 9  
**Cautions:** Brogan, Wotherspoon, Bourke

**Scorers:** McLaughlin 27th, 60th, Sandy 40th, O'Connor 85th, Cotton 8th.

Penrith is in dire straits following this 1-4 loss to Blacktown.

Penrith will now face Melita Eagles in the last round of the competition to try to preserve its place in the National League.

Coach Casey De Bruin, in hot water with some sections of the club hierarchy, was the toast of Blacktown. In his first season with the club he has done extremely well and his side looks as strong as its position on the table indicates.

This side could give it a shake in the top five.

Adam Sandy, Gary Byrne, Phil O'Connor and Michael

## Man of the Match: ZELJKO JURIN (Syd. Croatia)

hope in the 32nd minute. Lee Sterrey made a rare mistake and let through a ball which David Lowe was quick to spot.

Greg Woodhouse raced out to meet Lowe and appeared to bring down the nippy Marconi youngster who had an unimpeded path to goal.

This 32nd minute occurrence could have provided Marconi with the lead from the spot, but Peter Ramplay disagreed.

With the match more than 45 minutes old, Craig Mason delivered Woodhouse with a curling right-footer which appeared to be going wide only to twist, banana fashion, into the net.

The second half saw Marconi come into the game more, despite surrendering the lead with an amazing own goal.

In the 52nd minute Nello Borges challenged James and knocked the ball from his grasp, which the referee quickly noted.

As play continued, Carter took the ball clear of the goal-mouth and was in turn faced with the persistent Borges.

Carter, cool as you like, decided that a backpass was the safest course and chipped his keeper nicely. It would have been a good goal for a striker, as James had no chance.

Marconi soon regained their composure and a first minute cross by Mason, who received the ball from Carbone, was skillfully headed over the advancing Woodhouse by the freshly-showered Jankovics to make it 2-1 to the visitors.

## Man of the Match: FRANK GEREMIA (Juventus)

McLaughlin could destroy any side on their day and such a day was last Saturday.

Roy Cotton gave Penrith the lead following a corner kick from Fitzharris and for a period of some ten or 15 minutes Penrith looked strong enough to cause an upset.

However, Michael McLaughlin erased all ideas Penrith might have had with a brilliant header in the 27th, following a free kick by Stuart Selvaige. Then, with five minutes remaining in this half, Adam Sandy tore through to head past Gibson from a cross by Phil O'Connor.

With the wind at its back, Blacktown was due for some more goals in the second half. Michael McLaughlin turned his player on the edge of the box, then fired a volley which gave Blacktown its third.

With five minutes remaining, the tenacity of Phil O'Connor showed as he fought Brogan, then slipped his shot past the advancing Gibson.

Juventus beat Melbourne Croatia 1-0 in this encounter despite being undermanned, to further improve its record against all the top sides.

The victory was Juve's second over Croatia this season and Margaritis' boys have also beaten Heidelberg and South Melbourne Hellas during the year, so they should not be dismissed when he top five series gets under way.

Juventus was without Richard Miranda and Gary Ward but neither was missed as John Dowie and Robert Cullen rose to the occasion and completely dominated proceedings in midfield, while Croatia's lopsided formation gave Frank Geremia the chance to excel at right back for what was probably his best game of the season.

The winning goal of the game was set up appropriately enough by Geremia who finished off a good run down the right wing with an accurate cross to the far post which was planted home with a fierce header by Joe Sweeney.

Only good goalkeeping from Yanka Banovic prevented Juventus from opening the score earlier.

Banovic made a fine save of Geremia's shot in the 27th minute.

Then, three minutes later, the keeper drove to stop a shot from inside the six-yard box from Sweeney after Lloyd had touched the ball on from Andrew Zinni's long throw.

Croatia had, surprisingly enough, the first clear cut chance of the game when in the 22nd minute a Shaun Parton header was cleared off the line by Geremia following a corner kick from Josip Biskic.

But Banovic was far busier at the other end with the constant prompting from Dowie, Cullen and to lesser extent Javass, Saglam and Kevin Lloyd, providing plenty of service for Sweeney and Zinni.

After falling behind, Croatia coach Tony Vrzina replaced Parton, who has a back injury, with Tommy Cumming, leaving only three men at the back in an attempt to inject more fire into Croatia's front line.

Cumming started the game on the bench after missing training mid week due to the lingering injury he sustained at Socceroo training three weeks back.

The change made a big difference.

He produced many fine saves, the best perhaps in the 17th minute from a Paul Lewis header. Oesie Latif's back pass was intercepted by Bobby McGuinness whose cross was powerfully headed down by Lewis. Tomkinson flew across the goal to palm the ball around the post for a corner. This save had class written all over it.

For an inexperienced goalkeeper, Tomkinson also did particularly well, coming off his line. Many times he frustrated the Green Gully forwards with timely interceptions, either holding the ball or punching clear to safety.

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Mike Pye

# PYE'S CAPPED AT 37

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Mike Pye waited in vain for many years to be selected to the Socceroo squad.

But at the age of 37, he finally has succeeded in gaining international honours.

Pye, the former South Melbourne Hellas, Wilhelmina and Victorian State Star, was picked in the Papua-New Guinea national team that competed in the Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur recently.

And he was so delighted that he wrote to FIFA, asking whether he can claim a record as the oldest player to make an international debut!

Pye works in Papua-New Guinea and is player-coach of Wanzel, which is set to win the First Division championship there. The team is a collection of expatriates, and the name is an abbreviation of Wales, Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland and Ireland.

He played in midfield for the Papua-New Guinea team that achieved the following results in the Merdeka tournament: 2-1 v. Liberia, 0-7 to a Brazilian selection, 4-1 v. Thailand, 1-0 v. Indonesia and 1-3 to Malaysia.

South Korea on the tournament.

And Pye met two soccer personalities who want to come to Australia.

They are Pierre Quaze, a highly skilled and explosive New Caledonian striker who, according to Pye, would be a big hit in the NSL; and Frank Lord, the Malaysian national coach, who wants to coach here.

Lord played 550 English league matches, he's 48, and he was senior coach at Stoke City for five seasons.

Clubs interested in either Lord or Quaze could write to Mike Pye at PO Box 1886, Borok, Papua-New Guinea.

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# Morwell Falcons

## THE

It's official! Don DiFabrizo will stand down at this year's annual general meeting ending his 15-year reign as president of Morwell Falcons.

And DiFabrizo, the man who guided the club's surge from the robe Valley league to State League champion, won't be voicing his opinion when the Falcons' committee decides over the next few weeks whether or not to go into the National League.

"It's not my place to say whether or not we should go into the National League now that I've decided to have a rest," said DiFabrizo.

Affectionately known as The Don, the man who has given so much to the club he loves, is stepping down for at least a year for business and personal reasons.

"My business is expanding at the moment and it really is vital to give it my full attention. I also want to go to Italy next year and see mother and these are things that I can't do if I'm president of Morwell Falcons."

"The committee must make their own decision as to whether or not we should go into the National League. We can win everything there if we win in Australian soccer. I know that. The people of Morwell can be assured that the nation-

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## FOUNDED IN 1961

Charlie Zammit had been in Australia for only two years when Morwell Falcons were formed. He was born in Malta and came here in 1959.

The original name of Falcons was I.A.S.C.O. and the idea was to have an Italian club represented in Latrobe Valley soccer. The founder members of the club were Luigi Sola, Eugene Zanin, Vasco Guidotti and Angelo Torrieri.

The club became known as Morwell Falcons in 1964 and in 1970 Zammit joined. He was secretary from 1971 to 1981, secretary-manager in 1983 and this year became club manager. His job entails running the huge social club at North Crinigan Reserve, no easy task, especially with Falcons being granted full liquor licence early last month.

It was in 1977 that the shire of Morwell offered Falcons two allotments from which to pick out a new complex. Falcons chose North Crinigan Reserve and eventually, moved there in 1981. The magnificent social rooms officially were opened in February, 1982.

The cost of the complex easily exceeds \$500,000 and the majority of work was done with voluntary labor supplied by the club members.

Falcons first thought about getting a liquor licence in 1982 but withdrew their application to the Liquor Control Commission that year. The following year, another application failed, but on September 7 this year a licence was granted, making Falcons one of the few clubs in Victoria with a full liquor licence.

"I presume that our revuege will jump now but the main point of getting a full liquor licence was to allow our members to use the facilities they had helped so much to build," said Zammit.

"And we plan to branch out. We plan to have bocce courts, darts nights and snooker nights for our members."

Zammit has given years of loyal service to Falcons. He's just one of many who have helped in bringing this country club to the forefront of Australian soccer. There's a way to go yet, but you better bet that at Morwell Falcons, only the best will do.

• Morwell Falcons won the 1984 State League championship to cap a remarkable rise throughout the Victorian leagues.

Morwell played in the Latrobe Valley League until 1974 when it entered the Provisional League. Now, Falcons are on the threshold of entering the National League. Here are the men who made it possible. Back row: Ian Straton, Billy Whiteside, John Higham, Emil Bruns, John O'Callaghan, Stovie Moore. Front row: Effie Caesar, Stan Webster, Jim MacLean, Russell Athertson, Jim Train, Harry Bingham. Missing: Gerry Clarke. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

## PROUD RECORD

### FALCONS' RECORD:

1966 - Lightning Premiership winners  
1968 - Mecca Cup winners  
1971 - Latrobe Valley League champs, Masut Cup winners  
1972 - Latrobe Valley League runners-up, Charity Bowl winners, Tara Valley Cup winners, Battle of Britain Cup winners  
1973 - Latrobe Valley League winners (seniors and reserves), Charity Bowl winners, Tara Valley Cup winners, Italian Cup winners  
1974 - Provisional League winners (seniors and reserves), Round Robin Cup competition winners  
1975 - Provisional League

champs, Round Robin Cup competition winners

1976 - Provisional League runners-up  
1977 - Metropolitan League Fourth Division runners-up  
1978 - Third in Metropolitan League Third Division  
1979 - Promoted to Metropolitan League Second Division  
1980 - Promoted to Metropolitan League First Division  
1981 - Promoted to State League  
1982 - Fourth in State League, State League Cup runners-up  
1983 - 10th in State League  
1984 - State League champs

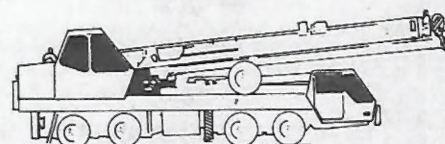
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# GUESSING GAME CONTINUES

## National League: Don won't say

championship will be theirs, if not in my absence, than when I return.

"I love competition. I thrive upon it. The harder it is, the more I enjoy it. I've always been like that. I always wanted the best possible prize and, for me, nothing is impossible."

"I will still be around to advise the committee next year, if asked. I won't let the club down."

What DiFabrizio and other Morwell committeemen would like to know is what format the NSL will definitely, repeat definitely, adopt for 1986. The NSL's track record in deciding on competition formats isn't exactly a proud one, plagued as it has been by constant changes, rules being enforced then suddenly dropped and much argument and confusion over just where the league is heading.

The Don has his own ideas on what should happen to the NSL.

"First, let me say that the National League must keep going. That's very important for Australian soccer."

"But really, why can't the National League make a firm decision on a

format for 1986? By now they should know exactly where they're going. The way the National League is at present, it's impossible for clubs to plan."

"There are too many selfish people within National League clubs, people who only talk about their own clubs and don't care enough for the game itself, about Australian soccer."

So what would The Don do if he held the power of life or death over the NSL?

"Well, I would get three or four marketing people, genuine marketing people, to help me with my decisions. Very few people I know, honestly speaking, have enough brains to plan a successful future for a national competition. And I also would take advice from people like George Wallace and Michael Weinstein, people who have something viable to offer. I'm not saying that I would do what they suggested, but at least I would listen and I could possibly learn."

"When you need an operation, you want to get the best surgeon possible, don't you?"



Don DiFabrizio

Look, listen and learn then, seems to be The Don's message and quite a few NSL administrators could use such commendable traits.

The Morwell president has no doubts that if his club decides to go into the NSL it will be welcomed with open arms.

"Our name is good and if we decide to apply, we've got absolutely nothing to worry about."

The problems of sponsorship, according to DiFabrizio, are the main cancer gnawing at the NSL's development.

"The National League needs a good sponsor. It's the biggest problem the league's got. But you need to have people in power who will look after the sponsor. You don't

just take without giving. That's why Lew Stafface has been so successful in organising and maintaining the VSF's sponsorship deal with Buffalo Sports. He doesn't simply take lots of Buffalo money. He's always looking for ways to give something back to Buffalo and that's what has to be done by the National League. Give something back to a big sponsor."

There's been a lot more give than take in DiFabrizio's relationship with Morwell but he has enjoyed special moments over his long involvement with the club, moments which made all the work, all the time, all the monetary input, worthwhile.

"Winning the State League this year was the happiest moment of my life. In 15 years, I've won a lot of titles but this year's easily was the best. I just want to say our coach, Jimmy Dunne, has done a fantastic job and I'm really, really glad that I brought him back to Australia. The players also deserve great credit for the way they've supported Jimmy and for their efforts this year."

"There have been other highlights during my time - the opening of the new clubrooms in February, 1982, and being granted a full liquor licence."

"One of my greatest thrills was in 1979 when I was made patron of the club. That's something I'll always treasure."

But what prompted DiFabrizio to become Morwell president in 1989?

"I had worked very, very hard to

establish my business and I felt that it was time for me to do more for the local community. I had been a member of the club and I was invited along to an annual general meeting. There were about 20 people there and before I knew it, I had been elected president."

"Back in those days our annual turnover was about \$7,000, a far cry from now when our turnover exceeds \$300,000."

"When I took over we played in the Latrobe Valley League. In my first year as president, 1970, we finished third in the league. We won the championship the following year, 1971, and in 1972, although we were beaten on goal average for the championship, we won every Cup we contested. In 1973 we won the lot - the championship and all the Cups."

"When I became president, we had just one junior team and it's given me an awful lot of enjoyment to watch the junior side of the club grow. By 1974, we had seven junior teams and our juniors have been very, very successful. We won four of eight titles we could have won this season and five of seven cups we contested."

"I have had a lot of pleasure as president of Morwell Falcons. Maybe I'll only step down for one year instead of two. Who knows? But I'll always be around. And I'll help as best I can."

"From my point of view and from the players' point of view it would be a great shot in the arm for soccer in the Latrobe Valley if Morwell Falcons go into the 1985 National League."

That's Morwell coach Jimmy Dunne's contribution to the debate at the club over whether or not it should enter NSL ranks.

"I want to compete with the best and I'm sure the players at Morwell feel the same way. With better sides coming down here we'll get better crowds and the overall standard of soccer in this area will improve," says Dunne.

If Falcons accept the spot awaiting them in the NSL, Dunne reckons that the club will need to sign new players next season.

"Well, we're going to lose a few players at the end of this season and they're all lads who could do a job in the National League. Billy Whiteside looks like he's going to leave because of the travelling and from Melbourne, Gerry Clarke is going back to Northern Ireland and even Harry Bingham has been thinking about going back home."

"The players keep asking me what's happening with regards to going into the NSL but I don't even know myself what the club's planning. If we go into the National League then we'll have to go in there with a top class side for that standard. There's no way that I or the committee would want to go into the National League and struggle."

"Having said that, if the club decides to stay in State League, then I don't think that we'd have to worry too much about buying new players, for the lads here this year have earned their keep. They've done enough to show that they deserve their places at the club next year - if we're still in State League."

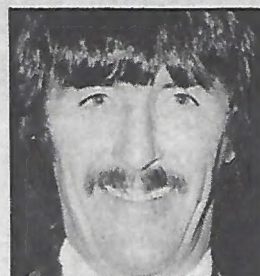
Winning this year's State League championship was a surprise for Dunne. He had planned, after last year's dismal 10th placed finish, to cement the club among the top four sides in the league. And the way Falcons started this year's league campaign didn't suggest that they were good things to win the title.

Dunne reckons that the turning point in Falcons' season was when they hammered Fawcett 4-1 at North Criggin Reserve in Morwell.

"I took a look at some of the Fawcett players before the game. They were all dressed in smart trackuits and they were kicking a bloody Aussie Rules ball about. I couldn't believe it. I got into our dressing rooms and I told the lads that we were against a crowd of posers so let's get out and sort them right out and we did."

"When you look at our league record this season the thing that stands out is that we were unbeaten at home and only conceded six goals there. That says it all for the quality of our defence."

Clinching the title with a 0-0 draw in the last league game against Albion Rovers at Selwyn Park was an anti-climax for the club, according to Dunne. Falcons had celebrated what they thought



a Morwell Falcons coach Jimmy Dunne is in the first year of a three-year contract with the club. He was signed by English club Millwall as a 16-year-old, switched to Torquay United in 1968, then was signed by Fulham in 1970 for \$34,000. Dunne made two appearances for the Republic of Ireland, one in a full international, and also played for the Ireland youths. He spent a season in South Africa with Durban City in 1975 then rejoined Fulham. He returned to Torquay in the late 1970's and in 1980 played for Green Gully, then in the Victorian State League. Dunne won the 1980 Bill Fleming Medal as the State's Player of the Year. He was sold to National League club Brisbane City for \$10,000 in 1981 but his playing career ended in April, 1982, when he broke his leg in a match against Footscray JUST at Schindler Reserve. He returned to Torquay but late last year flew to Morwell and agreed on a coaching contract. He's married, has a 13-year-old son, Nicholas, and a six-year-old daughter, Tracey.

was a certain championship winning victory the previous week when they beat Croynod at North Criggin Reserve 1-0.

"I'm absolutely over the moon for the players. They've won the league for me this year. I'm just the bloke who picks the team. The lads deserve all the credit and I'm pleased for them that they've achieved so much this year."

So let's see how Dunne sees the men who have brought the State League championship to Morwell for the first time in the club's history.

**BILLY WHITESIDE** (Goalkeeper): "What a great season he's had and I'm really going to hate to see him go. Without a doubt, he's the best keeper in the league and he easily could keep going. He's the joker in the side, the lad who gets the other boys going in the dressing rooms. Every side needs someone like that. Billy's a very good organiser out on the field, his reflexes are good and just ask Polonia what he's like when it comes to handling crosses."

**HARRY BINGHAM** (Defender): "If Harry got

really fit and put his mind to it, he could go all the way in the National League. He can play equally as well in midfield as he does at full back. He's been unfortunate to miss a lot of games this year through injury, but he's very quick and surprisingly good in the air for his size."

**JOHN HIGHAM** (Defender): "John's had a great season, probably one of his best in Australian soccer. When I first came to the club, there was a bit of doubt over whether or not John would stay but I wanted him because I knew what he could do. He's a great marker and a knee tackler. He's also good in the air."

**GERRY CLARKE** (Defender): "A class player, who easily could have played in the National League. Gerry's a great reader of the game and a fine passer of a ball. He's also good in the tackle and in the air and he'll be a big loss when he goes back home. You know, if we already were in the National League, Gerry would be worth about \$15,000 on the transfer market. He's very well liked by all the lads at Morwell."

**JIM TRAIN** (Defender): "Another bloke who had a doubt about whether or not he'd be staying when I came but he hasn't let me down. Very, very strong in the tackle and I haven't seen him get skinned all year. Very consistent and he's rewarded me in style for deciding to keep him at the club this year."

**JOHN O'CALLAGHAN** (Midfielder): "The workhorse of the side. Cally gives you 110 percent every time he goes onto the park. He's also got into positions to take on full backs and he's done that well this season. He wins balls and chases well and puts opponents under pressure."

**STEVE MOORE** (Midfielder): "He's playing in the wrong league. It's that simple. This guy should have been in the National League years ago. I had problems with him early on because I wasn't using him properly, but what a player he is. He's dynamic. His finishing is incredible and his skills are first rate."

**JIM MCLEAN** (Midfielder): "I gave him the responsibility of captaining the side and he's responded superbly. If Jimmy lost a bit of weight, he'd easily go well in the National League. His attitude this season has been good and I think, by now, everyone connected with the State League knows all about his close control and passing skills. He's a fine player."

**EFFIE CASSAR** (Midfielder): "Effie's a young lad who's been in and out of the side but I think that he can go all the way in Australian soccer. He's got everything. He can run at people and he's got bags of skill. The one thing I'd like to see him showing is much more confidence in his left leg but that's something that can be developed."

**RUSSELL ATHERS** (Forward): "He's our target man. He's not that big but, boy, can he take a lot of stick. He's a very underrated player. He's not that quick but he shields the ball superbly and turns people all the time."

**IAN STURTON** (Forward): "The big man joined us with about 12 games to go and he's really helped us to win the league with his goals. We needed a big guy up front. Ian doesn't work a lot outside the box, but inside it he's absolutely dynamic and we knew that if we got the ball into the

box, he'd stick it away. He's another who would do well in the NSL. He'll score goals wherever he goes."

**STAN WEBSTER** (Forward): "He's been a bit unlucky and really, he's suffered with tan joining us. But Stan's a great wee competitor and he'll run his heart out for you. I've never had any trouble with him when he's not been in the side. He's accepted that like a real pro. He's a damn good player too."

**TONY VAN BAAR** (Forward): "He's just gone to Holland for three months. He could have been in my side all season. He started off like a house on fire but business and personal hassles forced him to pack it in for a spell."

**CHRIS KENT** (Forward): "I've been very disappointed with Chris. I don't hide the fact, either. He came here with a bit of ambition but I've found it hard to get him going this year."

**ANDREW HACKETT** (Goalkeeper): "A bit unlucky not to get much of a look-in due to Billy Whiteside's great form. Andrew's only in his early 20s and maybe the State League and Dockery Cups will give me a good chance to have a look at him and see what he can do."

## Life members

Angelo Torrieri was the first man to have life membership of Morwell Falcons bestowed upon him. Torrieri was a founder member of the club and its first treasurer.

Another founder member, Eugene Zanin, also is a life member of the club. Both Torrieri and Zanin have been heavily involved in Falcons' development.

In all, there are eight life members. The others are:

Frank Marsili, the man who pushed Don DiFabrizio into becoming president; Henry Richer, DiFabrizio's secretary; Tony Marini, Frank Constable and Joe Flanagan.

These men all have given over 10 years of outstanding service to the club and all have held executive positions for lengthy periods.

## 15-man committee

Morwell president Don DiFabrizio heads a 15-member committee.

Joe Flanagan is vice-president; Charlie Zammit is junior vice-president and club manager; Theo Doucas is secretary; Tony Marini is treasurer; Eric Hutton is in charge of publicity; Dave Sargison handles public relations; Wally Dean is in charge of recruiting; John Schultz organises the weekly bingo nights; Hugh Wilson is in charge of maintenance; Cosmo Prizzio is in charge of the gate; Felix Marselli is bar manager; Luigi Palermo is assistant bar manager; Peter Vigiano is team manager; and Rodney Walker is assistant secretary.

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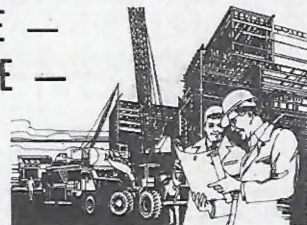
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# IT'S FALCONS FOR THE CUP!

Morwell Falcons, despite the outstanding cups record of sides coached by John Gardiner, should win the 1984 State League Cup by beating Polonia at North Crinigan Reserve on Sunday.

The game should kick off at around 3 pm depending on the length of the curtain raiser — the play-off for third and fourth place between Box Hill and Fawkner — which starts at 1 pm.

The VSF's move to stage its first major cup final outside Melbourne will be put to the test here and all eyes will be on the crowd to see whether or not soccer sup-

porters in the Latrobe Valley come to support the local side.

The other three sides in the State League Cup — Polonia, Box Hill and Fawkner — have made no secret of their dislike of the VSF's choice of venue but once everyone stops pushing their own barrow and starts to think about the need

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

to popularise the code throughout the state, all complaints will cease.

I certainly hope that the people of Morwell get down to North Crinigan Reserve on Sunday and make the double header an afternoon to remember.

There's not a lot between the best four sides in State League. That was obvious well before last weekend's closely fought State League Cup semi, so picking winners here is no easy task. Fawkner coach Gus Macleod is

rumored to be considering using a young side, mainly made up of reserve team players, for the match against Box Hill. That would be unwise from a VSF point of view and the federation would react unkindly. I'm sure Fawkner officials are aware of this.

The most motivated player in this game surely will be Box Hill striker Steve Smith who still is vying with Janusz Przybyla of Polonia to win our VSF

Travel Club top scorer award. Smith would like nothing better than to come up against a young, inexperienced Fawkner defence. He won't get his wish though, but he still might grab a goal or two to put Przybyla under pressure.

I'm not game to pick a winner in this match but Falcons are my tip to win the big one. Their prime movers, midfielders Steve Moore and Jim MacLean didn't have great games against Fawkner last Sunday but they're the men who can control this game and give strikers Ian Storton and Russell

Athersych enough chances to sink Polonia.

Storton's battle with Polonia stopper Danny McCluskey should be well worth watching, while the Noel Mitten-Jimmy Train confrontation out wide will have a major bearing on Przybyla's chances to add to his goals tally.

Morwell's strengths this season have been its defence and the way every player works to get back behind the ball when the opposition is in possession.

Polonia won't find goals easy come by. It's Falcons for me.

## Thanks for the memories, Stefan

POLONIA 2 (Przybyla 30th, Petrov 85th) BOX HILL 1 (Hughes 35th) at Smith Reserve. State league Cup semi-final, double header. Crowd: about 1,000. Referee: Fraser 7.

POLONIA: Lukac 6 — Liplarski 6, McCluskey 7, Gardiner 7, Smolarek 7 — Mitten 7, Trent 6, Gibson 6, Petrov 6 — Przybyla 7, Gilder 7. Coach: John Gardiner.  
BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — I. Rodhouse 6, Brownlie 7, Brooks 6, A. Rodhouse 6 — Keenan 7 (inj. Hennessy 81st), Underwood 5, Hughes 6, Azopardi 6 (Priestley 56th) — Smith 7, Verechia 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

While Polonia snatched

'84 STATE LEAGUE CUP with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Mila returns to Poland tomorrow (Thursday).

What a loss he'll be to Victorian soccer. I'm one of many who have marvelled at the man's ability. Okay, I know that textbooks might say you shouldn't dribble inside your own penalty area or take on two and three opponents as you charge upfield, wasting off-the-ball runs by teammates. In Mila's case you toss the textbook away and you stand there in absolute awe of the close control, the cheek,

the flair and panache of the man, especially when he's in possession.

Thanks for entertaining me, Stefan.

Perhaps this match needed Mila. Polonia strung passes together in the first half and was the better side but Box Hill's spell came in the opening 25 minutes of the second half and, just when the game was destined to go into extra time, a mistake by Brooks presented Janusz Przybyla with the chance to wrap things up and

Przybyla rarely fails to take such chances.

Brooks did well to intercept Carl Gilder's cut back, intended for Przybyla. Box Hill goalkeeper John McKinlay called for the ball and Brooks spun around and struck it back. But not firm enough. Przybyla nipped in, drew out McKinlay, then squared across the face of the unguarded goal. Young George Petrov hammered the ball home from point blank range and Polonia was in the final.

Using Noel Mitten's pace

out wide on the right, Polonia started off well.

A cracking, 25-metre drive by left back Mirek Smolarek cannoned off the inside of the far post in the 6th minute and before the incoming Petrov could get a strike at goal, the ball was scrambled clear.

Przybyla, vying with Smith for the top scorer in the 1984 State League, scored in the 30th minute. A John Gardiner free kick, chipped toward the far post, was headed out to the edge of the Box Hill area. Przybyla cracked home a sizzling, left foot volley to put Polonia ahead and give him a one-goal lead over Smith in the battle for top scorer's honors.

Within five minutes, scores were level and what a delightful goal it was. A superbly weighted lay off by Verechia sent Andy Hughes clear inside the Polonia area. Lukac charged off his line but Hughes neatly slipped the ball under the Polonia keeper and into goal.

Gardiner had to clear off the line after a great Smith header in the 63rd minute and Verechia headed just over in the 70th minute.

Mitten almost engineered a Polonia goal in the 82nd minute when he headed on to the incoming Petrov whose first time effort flashed wide of the near post.



Four views of the great Stefan Mila. Top, left — Mila shows off his 1983 Victorian Rothmans Medal. Top, right — Mila guards the Polonia goal. Bottom, left — Mila displays his immaculate balance. Bottom, right — Mila's great skills are highlighted as he controls the ball on his knee. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

## BILLY KEEPS HIS COOL

MORWELL FALCONS 0 FAWKNER 0 after extra time at Smith Reserve. Morwell Falcons won 9-8 on penalties. State League Cup semi-final, double header. Crowd: about 1,000. Referee: Mellings 8.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Higham 6, Bruns 7, Clarke 7, Train 7 — O'Callaghan 7, MacLean 7, Moore 7, Cassar 6 (Kent 63rd, 7) — Storton 6, Athersych 6. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.  
FAWKNER: Terzini 5 — McKinlay 6, Fattore 7, Angole 8, Hobson 7 — Boyle 7, Bannon 7, Lis 6 (Palmaricciotti 63rd, 6) — Palinkas 6, Tuffield 7, Cozzella (inj. Sannipoli 24th, 6). Coach: Gus Macleod.

When it came to a penalty showdown to decide this State League Cup semi-final and when the penalty showdown came down to a battle between the goalkeepers, it was the experience and coolness of Morwell's Billy Whiteside which stood firm while Fawkner custodian Rob Terzini cracked under pressure, blasting his penalty attempt a mile over the bar.



Morwell Falcons goalkeeper Billy Whiteside punches clear as team mate John Higham just ducks in time.

Terzini's miss left the sides deadlocked at 8-8 on penalties and up strode Whiteside for what was to be the decisive moment of the match. Whiteside placed the ball on the penalty spot, took a few steps back, then ran in and sent Terzini the wrong way.

But let's be honest. Thank God for the penalties. This game was an absolute bore even though it promised to be a fine spectacle.

Morwell captain Jim MacLean was presented with the State League championship cup before the match; Morwell defender John Higham was booked in the opening minutes. Terzini's attempted clearance in the 58th minute ricocheted off Russell Athersych and just missed going into the Fawkner goal; and that was that.

The ball bobbled and bounced about; stringing passes together was as rare as a John Gardiner quote; neither defence gave an inch; and MacLean and Peter Boyle didn't have their own private war as expected.

Consequently, all that amused was the unusually fine Spring weather and the comments made by fellow scribe Les Shorrocks to the Morwell bench.

Maybe Shorrocks was right. Wee Stan Webster could have come on and sparked some life into this contest.

When Chris Kent came on in the 63rd minute to replace Effie Cassar, Kent got into some good positions up front but just lacked a bit of confidence to unleash that left peg and have a dip.

But let's get onto the penalties.

Fawkner's Harry McKinlay was first. He didn't strike his attempt well and Whiteside saved. Next was Morwell's Stevie Moore. He scored, so it was 1-0 to Falcons.

Angole, who had played well in defence for Fawkner, decided on an unusually short run-up and struck his penalty try onto the bar and over. Athersych's attempt was saved by Terzini. Still 1-0 to Falcons.

Cesar Fattore broke the drought for Fawkner and after bowing to the jeers from Fawkner fans, John O'Callaghan blasted his try well over. Maybe "Cally" should have merely concentrated on taking his penalty rather than indulging in a bit of horseplay with the fans. Now, it was 1-1.

Joe Palinkas converted easily. So did Kent. It was 2-2. John Sannipoli and MacLean scored to make it 3-3. Ged Bannon and Gerry Clarke did likewise. It was 4-4.

Robert Palmaricciotti converted and Ian Storton's try went in off the underside of the bar. It was 5-5.

Whiteside got a hand to Peter Boyle's try but couldn't stop it and Emil Bruns scored to make it 6-6. Ian Tuffield and Jim Train made it 7-7. Gary Hobson and Higham made it 8-8.

The goalkeepers were next and Terzini, who hadn't attacked the ball confidently all day, simply smashed his penalty try a mile over the bar.

Whiteside greeted his successful and decisive attempt by dancing a jig toward his team mates as the Morwell camp celebrated in style.

## MALVERN TRIUMPHS



The players of Malvern City, who defeated South Melbourne Hellas 2-1 after extra time in the final of the Sunicrust Cup for under-15's at Middle Park last Sunday.

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Final State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MORWELL F.....	16	8	2	49	15	40
POLONIA.....	15	7	4	64	37	37
FAWKNER.....	15	6	5	61	35	36
BOX HILL.....	11	9	6	44	32	31
Northcote.....	12	3	11	54	38	27
West. Suburbs.....	11	4	11	44	48	26
R. Wilmshelm.....	9	7	10	42	39	25
F'ston Pines.....	7	11	8	34	39	25
Albion Rovers.....	8	7	11	23	35	23
Knox City.....	6	6	12	35	56	22
Croydon.....	9	2	15	28	39	20
St. Alb. Dinamo.....	6	8	12	35	51	20
Broadmeadows.....	7	4	15	30	52	18
Doveton.....	4	6	16	29	46	14

ALBION ROVERS 0 RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 3 (Burton 7th, Murray 55th, Warszawski 90th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 5 (sent off 55th) — Galea 7, Steven 6

(Cpl 56th), Gilmour 6, Gatt 6 (Wilson 46th, 6) — Bennett 7, Reilly 8, Douglas 7 — Bouzas 6, Purcell 7 (sent off 89th), Alfonso 7. Coach: Billy McIntyre.  
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 7 — Wemyss 7, Murray 8, Remmers 7, Verniers 7 — White 7, Storm 8, Burton 7 — Warszawski 7, Thom 6 (Pileham 77th, Lange 6. Coach: Cor Teeuw.  
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Storm (RW), 2. Murray (RW), 1. Reilly (Albion).

CROYDON 1 (Loughnane 19th) DOVETON 0 at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 — Brown 7, Bates 7, Singleton 8, Ormond 7 — Salsi 6 (Killey 75th), Brewerton 7, Kerr 6 — Irvine 7, French 8, Loughnane 7. Coach: Peter Ollerton.  
DOVETON: Rodov 7 — Dixey 6 (Sutherland 84th), Lowe 7, Gadsby 8, Fitzpatrick 8 — Watson 6 (Lennon H.T. 7), Buchanan 7, J. McDonald 7, Edmondson 6 — J. McDonald 8, Nelson 6. Coach: Ian Williamson.  
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. French (Croy), 2. Singleton (Croy), 1. Fitzpatrick (Doves).

We'll have a full run-down on all the votegetters in our Schipano Player of the Year award and all the goalscorers in our VSF Travel Club award in next week's "Soccer Action" when we also feature our 1984 State League Team of the Year.



# ALL ROCKDALE!

## Rockdale 3 Monaro 2

Venue: Marconi Stadium  
Scorers: Jones 26th, 85th,  
Karanfilovski 55th, Valeri pen-  
alty 9th, 33rd.

Crowd: 2,300.  
Referee: Doug Rennie 9.  
Cautions: Domazetovic,  
Brennan.  
Sent off: Brennan 40th.

Tony Brennan of Inter Monaro was the villain as Rockdale Ilinden overpowered Inter to take out the 1984 Grand Final at Marconi Stadium.

Brennan was sent off the field after 40 minutes with the score standing at 2-1 in Inter's favor.

During the second period, Inter failed to hold onto its slender advantage and fell behind with only five minutes left to lose the Grand Final.

It would be difficult to predict the outcome of this match had Brennan stayed on the park, but it is easy for all and sundry to see that playing with 10 men is just not the same as with 11, particularly when the player concerned is of the calibre of Brennan.

"I could not believe my eyes," was the comment from Sebastian Giampolo.

"The shock of having to play with one man less was just too much for some of our players and they (Rockdale) got on top."

But make no mistake about it. Rockdale Ilinden thoroughly deserved its win. After a lack lustre first half, Ilinden played attractive soccer to score the decisive goals and



Inter Monaro's Sebastian Giampolo (left) tries to shield the ball from Rockdale's Wilson. Pictures by ALEX VESIC.

take out the Grand Final.

Billy Pilovski, Vince Nastevski and Terry Jones tore Inter to shreds and only some brilliant goalkeeping by Michael Hocking kept Inter in this match.

Time and again, Hocking was on the spot to stop Ilinden at crucial moments. His save from Nastevski in the 49th minute, followed by yet another save from a thunderbolt by Ristevski, kept Inter in front if only for a brief moment.

Then, later in the second half, Jones and Pilovski played a neat one-two to give Jones an opportunity inside the box but

Hocking made a brilliant save from a good shot by Jones. Then, from a short clearance by Hocking, came an unfortunate error by the Inter defence allowing Karanfilovski to collect, unmarked on the edge of the area, and take a couple of steps then slam a great left foot drive past Hocking in the 55th minute.

A few minutes later, it was Ross Brown's turn to clutch his head in despair as his header found the crossbar, then in came Jimmy Ristevski with a chance only a minute later. However, Hock-

ing had nothing to do on this occasion as the shot by Ristevski was pumped high over the bar.

Ristevski should have done better again in the 63rd minute after a challenge by Brown on Hocking allowed Ristevski to receive the ball just 10 metres from goal but the shot went past the post.

Hocking was in great touch to deny Karanfilovski in the 70th minute then dive at the feet of Brown to block a shot which looked destined for the net. Some seven minutes later, and with rampaging Rockdale players bobbing up everywhere on the park another chance was created.

Karanfilovski ran to the by-line to cut his cross back for Jones, but yet again Hocking was there to smother the shot with a brave dive.

With five minutes left, and extra time almost certain, in came Jones to enter the area followed by Valeri. Inter's forward cleaned and from the resultant corner kick by Karanfilovski Jones made it 3-2. It was a scrambled sort of a goal, but one that Jones will remember for a long, long time. Even though his first half goal was a gem.

Paul Degney made the break on the right then crossed toward the near post. Jones came from nowhere to head past Hocking to make it 1-1.

Earlier on, Inter looked the goods and controlled proceedings with fine attacking football. Angelo Ambrosino made a telling run in the 9th minute before releasing Valeri to score a simple goal, then came a few Inter chances which could have sealed the game.

Playing against the wind and leading 1-0, Inter had Valeri in the clear yet again in the 14th minute after a fine pass by Billy Willox but Valeri's finishing was poor.

Willox was in with a chance in the 19th minute but shot wide then, almost against the run of play, came Ilinden's equaliser through Jones.

In the 33rd minute Monaro's early lead was restored after Jones tripped Giampolo close to the line. From the resultant

penalty, Valeri made no mistake and Inter looked in command again. Then came the sending off of Brennan and the rest — well I have already told you!

An interesting moment came close to the end. Issac

Farrell, having a very poor spell, was replaced by Vic Fernandez. Monaro's coach, Upset over the decision, Farrell made remarks which could clearly be heard as far as the press box and could not be repeated in print.

But it was Rockdale's day

## NSW State League with ALEX VESIC



Five Rockdale players line-up before one of the club's finest moments. From left: Nastevski, Karanfilovski, Slavovski, Kotzohambos, Pilovski.

## Pastrello's Monaro on the move for '84

By PETER WINDSOR

"The greatest 20th birthday present any club could ask for."

That's how Inter-Monaro's president Laurie Pastrello described his club's entry into the NSL in 1985.

For Pastrello — and a cast of dozens — it has been 20 years of blood, sweat and tears and now the ultimate triumph.

Inter-Monaro, 1984 New South Wales State League winner, is battling against the clock — and finances — to improve its ground dramatically for NSL entry.

Easily the most difficult and costly initial task was to install an extensive new drainage system.

"The cheapest commercial quote topped the \$150,000 mark," Pastrello said.

"We did it for a few thousand dollars thanks to great community help and the Queanbeyan city council donating the huge drainage pipes — each one of which weighs over five tonnes."

Pastrello's special thanks went to Frank Brunacci, an engineer, who like Pastrello, has worked around the clock to effect such improvements as:

- Moving nearly 150,000 cubic metres of earth to push the existing pitch backwards some 70 metres and widen it by seven metres to full international size.

- Install massive new drainage pipes in their beds of concrete.

Still to come are the laying of the new pitch, re-laying the car parking area and building a stand capable of holding 3,000 people — even if initially without seating.

The completion of this grandstand very much depends on the club's application for funding from the NSW Government.

"I believe we will succeed as the NSW Labor government seems prepared to help sorting clubs and sporting organisations who are helping themselves."

Monaro certainly is doing that.

Now the hard work seems to be paying off — not just for Pastrello, but for all those who have helped Monaro grow over the years.

And it came from the humblest of births. As its own official history book states: "In 1965 a group of Italian soccer enthusiasts decided to form a soccer club under the name of Inter-Monaro."

"In December, 1966, the first committee of Messrs. Benito Bibitonto (President), L. Guglielmin (vice president), L. Zanotto (Secretary),

competition, but even now Pastrello had to admit he sometimes still asked himself was the work, for the love of the game, worthwhile.

"It's particularly so when people who contribute nothing just whinge," he said. "But I love the game so much I can't give it away."

Pastrello said Monaro was now about to submit a formal application for NSL membership and would at least have the new pitch moved, widened and grassed by 1985 with a grandstand hopefully finished and other minor improvements completed.



Laurie Pastrello



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## Sharks in final

Sutherland seconds are to meet Manly Warringah in this week's Grand Final to determine the winner of the Second Grade play-offs.

Sutherland was to play Ku-Ring-Gai at Marconi last Sunday in what most believed was going to be the Grand Final in Second Grade. However, Sutherland protested over Ku-Ring-Gai playing an ineligible player in a match against Manly.

The reasons for the protest was somewhat strange. The rules stipulate that a player must play for the seconds in two of the last three matches of the season. Neale Williamson played in two of the last three matches for Ku-Ring-Gai, but these last three matches were his last three scheduled rounds of the league!

The protest was upheld and Manly was given the points in

that match. Manly then shot into the Grand Final despite having lost two matches in the semi-final play-offs!



Players and supporters of Essendon Tramways make it clear what they thought the final score was in a recent Industrial League game against JIM Engineering.

## Trams keep fighting

As we went to press, Industrial League club Essendon Tramways hadn't been notified of a date for its appeal against the league tribunal's decision to uphold the 4-2 result of a recent match against JIM Engineering.

Essendon Tramways claim that they won the game 2-1 and that JIM Engineering, the home side, phoned in the wrong score.

If and when the Tramways outfit re-

ceives a chance to attend an appeal hearing, it will present sworn affidavits from the referee of the second half (one ref did the first half, another the second) and from its players, stating that the final score in the game was 2-1 for Essendon Tramways.

The Tramways club, which plays in Division Four West, was just pipped for promotion on goal difference by JIM Engineering.

Essendon Tramways are receiving legal advice on the matter.

## Hat-trick heroes!

Luke Kealey (Skye), Mark Hanlon, 12, four goals, Rafael Merino, 12 (Sale City); Steven Gioia (Nunawading United); Nick Skondreas, 14, four goals (Malvern City); John Markovski, 14 (Sunshine-George Cross); Dion Mallia, 9, four goals, Garry Muir, 11, Paul McCluskey, 12, Rodney Row, 14, Tommy Hanlon, 15, six goals, Paul Spiteri, 15, four goals, Joseph Vitale, 7, Frank Spiteri, 9, four goals, Greg Connell, 11, Warren Spiteri, 13, four goals, Leo Sammut, 11, five goals, Laurie Falzon, 10, four goals (Morwell Pegasus); Joe D'Amico (Vermont); Joe Bayona (Green Gully).



# SCORES, LADDERS

## ENGLISH LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE											
Chelsea	3	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
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Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
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Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry							

## DIVISION TWO

Barnsley	5	Wolverhampton	1	Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2
Birmingham	1	Huddersfield	0	Blackburn	2	Wimbledon	0	Brighton	2	Fulham	0
Leeds	2	Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0

## DIVISION THREE

Bristol Rovers	1	Bournemouth	0	Cambridge	1	Brentford	2	Derby County	2	Lincoln	0
Doncaster	3	Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
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Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheff Wed	2	Leicester	0	Coventry	1	Arsenal	2	Ipswich	3	Aston Villa	0

## DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot	3	Darlington	4	Blackpool	3	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0
Blackpool	3	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0	Hartlepool	3	Crew	0
Hartlepool	3	Crew	0	Blackpool	3	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0
Chesterfield	0	Bury	0	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0	Hartlepool	3
Hartlepool	3	Crew	0	Blackpool	3	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0
Chesterfield	0	Bury	0	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0	Hartlepool	3
Hartlepool	3	Crew	0	Blackpool	3	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0
Chesterfield	0	Bury	0	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0	Hartlepool	3
Hartlepool	3	Crew	0	Blackpool	3	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0
Chesterfield	0	Bury	0	Chester	1	Bury	0	Chesterfield	0	Hartlepool	3

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Aberdeen	4	Hearts	0	Dumfries	0	St Mirren	1	Dundee	2	Celtic	3
Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2
Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3
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Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3
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Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3
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Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2	Celtic	3	Dundee	2

## DIVISION ONE

Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2	East Fife	4	Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0
Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0	Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2	East Fife	4
East Fife	4	Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0	Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2
Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0	Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2	East Fife	4
East Fife	4	Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0	Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2
Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0	Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2	East Fife	4
East Fife	4	Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0	Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2
Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0	Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2	East Fife	4
East Fife	4	Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0	Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2
Clydebank	4	Falkirk	2	Clyde	0	Ayr	3	Partick Thistle	2	East Fife	4

## DIVISION TWO

Albion Rovers	1	Stranraer	2	Alloa	3	Cowdenbeath	3	Berwick Rangers	2	Arbroath	1
Arbroath	1	Stranraer	2	Alloa	3	Cowdenbeath	3	Berwick Rangers	2	Arbroath	1
Stranraer	2	Alloa	3	Cowdenbeath	3	Berwick Rangers	2	Arbroath	1	Albion Rovers	1
Alloa	3	Cowdenbeath	3	Berwick Rangers	2	Arbroath	1	Albion Rovers	1	Stranraer	2
Cowdenbeath	3	Berwick Rangers	2	Arbroath	1	Albion Rovers	1	Stranraer	2	Alloa	3
Berwick Rangers	2	Arbroath	1	Albion Rovers	1	Stranraer	2	Alloa	3	Cowdenbeath	3
Arbroath	1	Albion Rovers	1	Stranraer	2	Alloa	3	Cowdenbeath	3	Berwick Rangers	2
Albion Rovers	1	Stranraer	2	Alloa	3	Cowdenbeath	3	Berwick Rangers	2	Arbroath	1
Stranraer	2	Alloa	3	Cowdenbeath	3	Berwick Rangers	2	Arbroath	1	Albion Rovers	1
Alloa	3	Cowdenbeath	3	Berwick Rangers	2	Arbroath	1	Albion Rovers	1	Stranraer	2

## NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE

Bangor	1	Larne	4	Carrick	1	Ballymena	3	Cliftonville	5	Newry	0
Newry	0	Cliftonville	5	Newry	0	Cliftonville	5	Newry	0	Cliftonville	5
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Cliftonville	5	Newry	0	Cliftonville	5	Newry	0	Cliftonville	5	Newry	0
Newry	0	Cliftonville	5	Newry	0	Cliftonville	5	Newry	0	Cliftonville	5

## VICTORIA

STATE LEAGUE CUP Semi Finals											
Bellina 2	Box Hill 1	1	Morwell Falcons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## WEST GERMANY

European Cup Winners' Cup, First Round, second leg match in Valencia											
Real Madrid	2	Bayern Munich	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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## OVERSEAS

Hungary beat Austria 3-1 (half-time 1-1) in their World Cup European Qualifying Group Five tie in Budapest											
Scorers: Hungary - Nagy (50), Ezerkizly (61), Kardos (77), Austria - Schachner (22)											
Attendance: 20,000											
European Group Five standings											
Hungary	1	0	0	3	1	2					
Austria	1	0	1	3	4	2					
Cyprus	0	0	1	2	0	0					
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Next Match: Netherlands v Hungary, October 17											
Denmark beat Norway 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in their World Cup European Qualifying Group six tie in Copenhagen											
Scorers: Denmark - Elkjær (58 min.)											
Attendance: 45,400											
European Group Six standings											
Denmark	1	0	1	0	2						
Israel	1	0	1	0	2						
Switzerland	1	0	1	0	2						
Norway	0	0	2	0	2						
Soviet Union	0	0	1	0	1						
Next Match: Norway v Soviet Union, October 19											

## YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA

Yugoslavia beat Bulgaria 0-0 in their World Cup European Group Four Qualifying Match in Belgrade											
Attendance: 12,000											
WEST GERMANY											
European Cup Winners' Cup, First Round, second leg match in Valencia											
Real Madrid	2	Bayern Munich	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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## NORTH IRELAND

European Cup Winners' Cup, First Round, second leg match in Valencia											
Real Madrid	2	Bayern Munich	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1





**1970**  
George Blues  
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt  
23 points



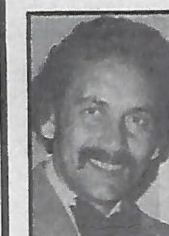
**1971**  
John Watkiss  
Hakoab Eastern Sub.  
31 points



**1972**  
Manfred Schaefer  
St. George Budapest  
30 points



**1973**  
John McDonald  
Auburn  
30 points



**1974**  
Mike Trebilcock  
Western Suburbs  
19 points



**1975**  
John McDonald  
Sutherland Shire  
26 points



**1976**  
Bruce Stowell  
Pan Hellenic  
32 points



**1977**  
John Watkiss  
Sutherland Shire  
26 points



• Ricky Budini (right), the Sports and Recreation Minister Michael Cleary and the 1984 NSW Rothmans Medal.

## Budini gives Avala its 2nd Medal

By ALEX VESIC

**Avala has done it again! The 1984 Rothmans Medal for the best and fairest player in NSW has gone to Ricky Budini. And last year it was Agenor Muniz, also of Avala, who won the award.**

Budini came to Avala on loan early in the season and proved a valuable asset, not only with his stern defence but also with some fine goals. With eight goals to his credit this season he was the club's second top scorer, one goal behind Milne.

After receiving his medal from the NSW Minister for Sport, Mr Michael Cleary, Budini was humble to say the least: "Thank you Rothmans, thank you my team mates. I did not expect this. Thankyou," he said in the shortest speech ever by a Rothmans winner.

Tom Steven of Manly, one of the strongest contenders during the night's counting, finished second, only two points behind Budini, while Sebastian Giampolo, the skilful inter Monaro striker, was another point adrift in third place. His team mate Walter Valeri shared fourth spot with Steve Knight of Auburn and Anton Galas of Polonia. Next came the favourite, Ross Brown of Rockdale Ilinden, a further two points down the ladder.

John Stoddart, Ray Carney and Nigel Groome featured strongly. Stoddart, the winner of 1980, polls well each year as does Nigel Groome. Keith Schuman, also of Sutherland, was the side's third representative in the top 20.

Yugal surprised with three players in the top 20. John Clarke finished in 10th place, Chris Thammids was 14th and David Forester two places further down the list. So, the 15th annual Rothmans Medal award finished as it did in its inaugural year, with the winner getting 23 points. But, for Avala, it was celebrations all around, as the side joins Sutherland and St George as the only teams to pick up two awards in the last 15 years.

It is doubtful that Avala will collect the award next year unless the criterion for eligibility changes so that the Rothmans award is open to all the players in the state and not just the State League.

The president of the NSW federation, John Constantine, hinted at a change during his speech. It is almost certain that next year, the Rothmans winner will come from all the NSW teams involved in the National League. Will the award cover the teams in State League as well? The plan for this new format will be revealed at a later date.

For the representatives of the NSW federation there also was another unexpected present — \$100,000 was promised to the NSWFF by Mr Cleary during his speech at the award presentations.

This comes on top of \$80,000 donated by the state government last season.

The money is going towards the development of Parklea, a soccer centre just outside Sydney, and the brain-child of the NSW Federation.

## ALL THE VOTES

23. R. Budini (Avala)
21. T. Steven (Manly)
20. S. Giampolo (Monaro)
19. A. Galas (Pol), S. Knight (Aub), W. Valeri (Monaro)
17. R. Brown (Rock)
16. J. Stoddart (Suth)
15. R. Carney (Aub), J. Clarke (Yug), N. Groome (Suth)
14. S. Hantzis (Cant)
13. R. Stuart (Manly), C. Thammids (Yug)
12. P. Dean (Nar), D. Forrester (Yugal), M. Holloway (Manly)
11. S. Blackburn (Bank), I. Farrell (Monaro), K. Schuman (Suth)
10. G. Jeffrey (Pol), T. Jones (Rock), R. Williams (Avala)
9. I. Barker (Pol), S. Lumsdaine (Pol), A. Tracey (Kul), A. Williamson (Manly)

8. B. Bullock (Nar), C. Hall (Cant), A. Monterosso (Monaro), G. Sandner (Nar), D. Watt (Aub)
7. T. Bertram (Kul), A. Bourke (Kul), W. Coates (Bank), L. Dounis (Cant), M. Hesford (Suth), N. Kotzohambos (Rock), K. Slavakis (Rock), J. Webber (Suth)

6. W. Brennan (Monaro), M. Fogarty (Pol), F. Hasnic (Bank), J. Meerban (Bank), B. Thurlow (Avala), N. Williamson (Kul)
5. C. Bass (Kul), H. El Hussein (Bank), M. Francis (Monaro), R. Jesic (Yugal), V. Nastevis (Rock), W. Nowak (Pol), H. Owczarek (Pol), W. Parker (Bank), J. Quigley (Kul), C. Rogers (Suth), J. Santolin (Monaro)
4. R. Agostino (Bank), P. Berry (Yug), N. Conradi (Manly), V. Dallomo (Suth), B. Dene (Kul), B. Dely (Manly), Z. Mikovic (Cant), C. Rosano (Aub), D. Smith (Rock), D. Wilson (Rock)

3. G. Akoutas (Aub), V. Apanian (Bank), D. Banalles (Aub), P. Dart (Suth), A. El Zein (Cant), D. Ferniatis (Cant), A. Gibson (Yug), M. Hardgraves (Suth), P. Hiscok (Nar), D. Jack (Nar), Z. Jebrael (Manly), V. Jaschewicz (Pol), J. Karaspiros (Cant), L. Konstantis (Cant), G. Milne (Avala), S. Panes (Manly), S. Platinic (Aub), K. Sarge (Nar), P. Terry (Suth)
2. M. Barton (Avala), R. Boates (Rock), S. Coldevic (Yug), C. Eftimiadis (Cant), B. Gray (Suth), R. Geekie (Aub), J. Hanafee (Pol), M. Harrington (Suth), P. Hassan (Bank), M. Hocking (Monaro), S. Hughes (Suth), D. McKenzie (Avala), D. Lohman (Bank), P. Philippou (Cant), D. Rylands (Nar), W. Vassiliou (Cant), L. Zivkovic (Yug)
1. E. Andreou (Cant), P. Burrows (Avala), C. Cassettari (Manly), P. Collings (Nar), G. Dineen-Griffin (Nar), L. Djordjieski (Monaro), C. Duncan (Nar), C. Eaton (Kul), D. Fox (Manly), S. Giffin (Bank), W. Green (Bank), C. Hanley (Nar), C. Jones (Aub), H. Kowalczyk (Pol), S. Leak (Manly), J. McBrean (Manly), R. Marco (Yug), J. Morsello (Yug), R. Pagnia (Manly), E. Pahor (Yug), W. Parker (Bank), J. Pettas (Cant), A. Prentice (Kul), A. Tirlas (Cant), R. Vanderburg (Pol), R. Yousif (Rock)

- SUSPENDED PLAYERS:** 6. A. Ambrosio (Monaro), 9. G. Bateman (Avala), 6. A. Dean (Nar), 4. J. Dick (Manly), 7. B. Karantilovski (Rock), 7. M. Kelly (Aub), 1. D. McGrath (Yug), 13. B. Pilovski (Rock), 1. J. Ristevis (Rock), 11. H. Sobczyk (Pol), 1. P. Trajanovski (Rock), 2. H. Williams (Monaro), 6. W. Wilcox (Monaro)



**1978**  
Terry Butler  
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt  
27 points



**1979**  
John Lee  
Bankstown  
36 points



**1980**  
Neil Williams  
Canterbury-Marrickville  
Olympic  
35 points



**1981**  
Dezider Marton  
St George  
30 points



**1982**  
John Stoddart  
Riverwood  
34 points



**1983**  
Agenor Muniz  
Avala  
24 points

## KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



## Rodgers and Coady: the quiet achievers

Sydney Olympic has been firing on all cylinders and although the limelight has been focused on a few forward players, two who really deserve praise are Mike Coady and Martyn Rodgers, our two Englishmen.

Coady has had his best season since coming here in 1982. He came at the invitation of our previous coach, Doug Collins, and played in England for Sunderland.

It took a long time for him to settle into his new environment — perhaps because he was constantly switched from right back, to left back, to stopper and to sweeper, which is a pretty tall order.

Playing as stopper this season, he would undoubtedly be one of the best in Australia. He's a very intelligent player, good in the air, and cool under pressure, and he's got very good ball skill.

Martyn Rodgers, from Nottingham, was brought here by Tommy Docherty in 1981 and this year he's been as consistent as ever. He played for England schoolboys and for Manchester United reserves, and he remains a player who is greatly admired for his fighting qualities and never-say-die attitude.

He's a good overlapping full-back, he delivers a good pass and he's also a very strong tackler.

He's played against the best in this country, so let them tell you what they think about Martyn Rodgers. Not many players have gone past him.

Rodgers and Coady — the two quiet achievers of Sydney Olympic.

**Look out, Hakoah!**

The Sydney Olympic v Sydney Hakoah clash on



Mike Coady



Martyn Rodgers

Sunday is being hailed as the match of the year — for good reason.

Hakoah led the competition by seven points at one stage, and people were saying it was all over.

I, for one, thought even then that the competition was far from having been won.

Going into the last match, the teams are evenly matched but Olympic has the better recent form, having won nine straight games, averaging three goals a match.

We've learned from our mistakes, though, so it will be different this time.

Let's hope that the playing surface at St George Stadium is cut, watered and rolled, to make sure that the fans get a match that they long will remember.

And I hope the referee, whoever it is, takes control of the

match early, and not vice-versa, as this match is bound to produce plenty of fireworks.

## Overseas

**BRITAIN**  
**ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP** Second Round, first leg: Chelsea 3 Millwall 1, Halifax 1 Tottenham 5, Leicester 4 Brentford 2, Manchester United 4 Burnley 0, Newcastle 3 Bradford 1, Sheffield United 2, Everton 2, Stoke 1, Rotherham 2.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP** Semi-finals, first leg: Hearts 1 Dundee United 2, Rangers 4 Meadowbank 0. Leading scorers in English League soccer.

**DIVISION ONE**  
10 — Mark Falco (Tottenham), 7 — Eric Gastes (Ipswich), 6 — Gary Bamber (Queens Park Rangers), Peter Davison (Nottingham Forest), Gary Lineker (Leicester), Chris Waddle (Newcastle), Tony Woodcock (Arsenal), Mark Hughes (Manchester United), Gary Thompson (West Bromwich).

**DIVISION TWO:**  
9 — John Aldridge (Oxford), Gary Stevens (Shrewsbury), 8 — Derek Hales (Charlton), 7 — Simon Garner (Blackburn).  
**DIVISION THREE:**  
12 — Kevin Wilson (Derby), 7 — Dean Neal (Millwall), Steve Johnson (Wigan), Richard O'Kelly (Walsall), Glyn Snodin (Doncaster), Keith Walwyn (York).

## CROATIA'S FOURTH TRIUMPH

• Meet the Melbourne Croatia team that won the Victorian Northern Region under 12 championship — its fourth title in a row.

From left: back row — M. Bjacic (coach), D. Trupkovic, I. Jurick, S. Marusic, G. Tadic, S. Babic, D. Fak, J. Botica, R. Gragic. Front row: W. Sara, J. Bacak, M. Silic, S. Gavran, S. Sorbic, A. Ljivic, E. Milanovic, D. Trupkovic (manager), Missing — M. Luboric, and manager I. Jorbic.





# Brown per le finali?

La penultima giornata del campionato di Lega Nazionale ha risolto l'interrogativo più appassionante per la tifoseria italiana di Melbourne: La Juventus si è assicurata un posto nella finale a cinque battendo il Croatia con il minimo scarto di 1-0 nonostante la squadra rimaneggiata per l'ennesima volta a casa delle assenze di Miranda e Ward e con un Zinni in pessime condizioni fisiche.

La vittoria bianconera è un'altra penna nel cappello dell'allenatore Margaris: che dopo la serie nera di meta' campionato, è riuscito di settimana in settimana ad impostare formazioni seriamente minimate con quel pizzico di genio che la cattiva sorte si accanisce a scolorare.

Ma oltre a Margaris, la vittoria di domenica scorsa porta la firma di Frank Gernia, il valoroso terzino destro che continua a sorprendere piacevolmente per le prestazioni ad alto livello che fornisce di settimana in settimana nonostante molti ancora abbiano delle riserve sul suo conto. Contro il Croatia Gernia ha costruito la rete della vittoria, ha salvato il risultato liberando sulla linea della propria porta un tiro di testa di Parton che aveva battuto il portiere, per poco non andava a rete egli stesso ed è stato l'iniziatore delle migliori azioni bianconere.

Comunque tutta la squadra ha girato ottimamente a cominciare dalla difesa che ha dimostrato grande solidità. Dowie e Cullen hanno dominato il centrocampo e si sono spesso infilati nelle maglie della difesa avversaria a dar manforte alle punte. Sweeney si è messo molto meglio del solito e si è trovato puntualmente all'appuntamento con il traversone di Gernia per piazzare l'imparabile schiacciata di testa che ha piegato il Croatia.

Dopo questa vittoria la Juventus si trova in quarta posizione in classifica e con la certezza matematica di finire almeno quinta anche se dovesse perdere domenica prossima contro l'Heidelberg.

## VIVA ITALIA. with ROCKY DI ZIO



Questa la formazione del Dallas MacLeod che ha vinto il campionato della terza divisione di Provisional League. In piedi, da sinistra: Anthony De Luca (presidente), Nick Soccio, Joe Scardamaglia (capitano), T. Bafunno, Ricky Mezzadra, R. Colla, P. Caprioli, M. Hladun, D. Ottobro, Fausto Tarquinio (allenatore-giocatore); in prima fila, da sinistra: J. Sala, T. Angelucci, B. Esposito, Lanfranco Lucchetti, C. Salvatore, J. Montemurro, L. Lotito. Le due mascotte sono Peter e Anthony De Luca. Dalla foto mancano Davide Cocorocchio e Sergio Balmaceda.

L'ultima partita del campionato deciderà chi sarà la quinta squadra a guadagnarsi il diritto di partecipare alle finali di girone. Le contendenti sono rimaste Preston (punti 27) e Brisbane Lions (punti 29) che si incontreranno in una battaglia all'ultimo sangue sul campo della prima domenica prossima. Il fattore campo e il buon periodo di forma che sta attraversando il Preston dovrebbero risolvere la situazione a favore della squadra di Melbourne che vanta un miglior quoziente reti e che perciò scalerebbe l'avversaria anche arrivando pari punti. La qualificazione del Preston per il torneo finale sarebbe ovviamente il cacio sul maccheroni per la competizione che così si svolgerebbe completamente a Melbourne fra cinque squadre con ottimo seguito e capaci perciò di attirare un pubblico spettacolare e finanziario che chiuderebbe la stagione con una nota altamente positiva.

Per quanto riguarda la Juventus il quarto (o quinto

posto) guadagnato alla fine delle partite andate e ritorno è un risultato molto positivo come primo anno in Lega Nazionale senza nemmeno dover andare a scomodare tutte le attenuanti che hanno influito negativamente sul rendimento per l'intera stagione. Naturalmente però se la sfortuna non si fosse accanita contro la squadra bianconera che quest'anno ha sicuramente stabilito un record negativo in fatto di infortuni, squalifiche e malattie, il risultato sarebbe stato ancora migliore.

Con il torneo a cinque la Juventus ha l'opportunità di migliorare l'ottimo risultato già ottenuto. Le altre quattro squadre (che ci sia il Preston o il Brisbane Lions) sono state selezionate da una competizione durissima e da ripetuti incontri diretti e rappresentano periodi il meglio del girone... e la Juventus le ha già battute tutte (ad eccezione del Preston) durante il campionato.

Non c'è da escludere perciò che la squadra di Margaris possa ancora cogliere dei suc-

cessi eccezionali prima che il fischio finale della sua prima stagione in Lega Nazionale.

Per la partita di domenica contro l'Heidelberg rientrano Miranda e Ward, mentre Dowie e Cullen (ammoniti domenica scorsa) non hanno ancora raggiunto il punteggio per essere squalificati e scenderanno in campo naturalmente giocheranno con il fuoco perché un'altra ammonizione li metterebbe fuori dal torneo finale.

Per Cullen il pericolo è minimo perché il minuscolo centrocampista è un giocatore di esemplare correttezza e le possibilità che egli attiri i fulmini del direttore di gara è molto remoto; ma per Dowie è tutto un altro discorso perché si è dimostrato piuttosto pronto a collezionare ammonizioni e domenica prossima rischia due turni di squalifica se non esercita particolare attenzione.

Se questi due giocatori riuscissero a passare indenni il turno di domenica prossima, la Juventus potrebbe avere una rosa di giocatori non indifferente per il torneo a cinque poiché, sembra, che i dirigenti bianconeri abbiano trovato una scuderia nel regolamento della Lega che permetterebbe loro di rimettere in squadra anche Brian Brown che, come noto, aveva dovuto rinunciare alle ultime quattro partite di campionato a causa della sua posizione di "guest player".

Con un po' di fortuna (e sarebbe ora), la Juventus avrebbe perciò tutte le carte in regola per ripetere i precedenti successi sulle squadre che faranno parte del torneo finale. Ma, ci teniamo a ripetere, quello che la Juventus ha già ottenuto in questo campionato è il più che meritevole; altri risultati positivi nella serie finale sarebbero un "bonus".

Nel girone australiano le prime cinque sono state decise con il turno di domenica scorsa: Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, APIA, Marconi e Blacktown. Domenica prossima le prime due si incontreranno nell'ultima partita di campionato e sarà interessante vedere se la squadra greca riuscirà a sottomettere il "mostro" che ha accusato alcune incertezze nelle ultime partite a differenza dei bianconeri che hanno fatto registrare un crescendo di forma spettacolare.

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Le altre italiane della competizione nazionale, la Juventus di Adelaide e il Brisbane City concluderanno domenica la loro stagione 1984 con un incontro diretto che ormai non ha più nulla da dire e che nulla potrà fare per dare alla loro prestazione in campionato alcun tono di sufficienza. È stato un anno molto mediocre per le due "provincioli" che sembrano stiano accusando il logorio degli anni ed un seguito sempre minore.

**DOPPIO SUCCESSO PER IL MORWELL?**

Nella finale a quattro della Lega Statale il Fawknor non è riuscito a prendersi la rivincita sul Morwell. Nell'incontro di semifinale fra le due squadre italiane il risultato è stato deciso dai rigori alla fine di una partita finita 0-0.

Così il Morwell domenica prossima incontrerà il Polonia, che ha battuto il Box Hill, per la finale di

coppa e la possibilità di ripetere il trionfo del campionato. Il Fawknor si dovrà accontentare di batterli con il Box Hill per un terzo posto che non dice niente e quindi aspettare che la Docketry Cup gli dia qualche soddisfazione che tutto sommato meriterebbe.

Sembra comunque assodato che il Morwell non accetterà l'invito di partecipare alla Lega Nazionale il prossimo anno e che nemmeno il Polonia sia disposto a fare il gran passo. Il rifiuto delle prime due classificate della Lega Statale lascerebbe perciò la situazione alquanto nebulosa poiché la quattordicesima poltrona nella Lega Nazionale per il prossimo anno sarà decisa a tavolino fra le squadre che ne faranno domanda, incluso il retrocesso George Cross che naturalmente dovrebbe avere la precedenza su altre aspiranti.

Nella Lega Metropolitana quest'anno vi sarà una competizione "Top Four" in tutte e quattro le divisioni per marcare il centenario del calcio in Victoria. Le squadre italiane interessate a questa competizione sono il Thomastown (prima divisione), Essendon City Triestina (terza divisione) ed East Brunswick (quarta divisione).

Intanto il Thomastown ha assegnato il "Peter Balassone Trophy" al terzino Tony Cosentino che si è affermato con il punteggio di 114 su Danny Acsesi che ha ricevuto 55 punti.

### COPPA ITALIA JUNIOR

Sabato scorso è iniziata la Coppa Italia dei juniors sul campo di Sumner Park a Brunswick. Alla sua sesta edizione la competizione giovanile quest'anno vede la partecipazione di ben 48 squadre per un totale di circa 1.000 giocatori; queste cifre molto eloquenti, oltre a fare della

Coppa Italia la più grande competizione giovanile del Victoria, dimostra la grande vitalità del nostro calcio. Speriamo che fra tanti giovanissimi italiani che prendono parte a questo sport ce ne siano abbastanza da poter rifornire le squadre che partecipano ai massimi campionati.

Questi i risultati delle prime due giornate:

Sabato: U/10, Fawknor-Bulleen 6-0; U/11, Bulleen-Vermont 2-1; U/14, Fawknor-Vermont 0-0; Thomastown-Bulleen 3-0; U/15, Thomastown-Bulleen 3-0.

Domenica: U/10, Juventus-North Reservoir 2-2; U/11, Juventus-Thomastown 0-0; Triestina-Brandon Park 3-1; U/13 Triestina-Batman Lazio 2-1; Juventus-Triestina 2-1.



Rothmans Medallist Ian Parker of Caledonians (right), shakes hands with Juventus-Pioneer captain, Robbie Kent.

## Parker's medal

Ian Parker of Caledonians won the 1984 Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania with 26 points.

Parker, the runner-up last year, finished two points ahead of Andy Scheibl of Georgetown.

The award was the culmination of another fine year for the Caledonians striker who again finished as the Cadbury State League's top scorer with 18 goals. Parker also scored 18 goals last season to finish as joint top scorer with Olympia-WPL's Perry Forster.

"It's certainly a relief", said Parker after the Tasmanian Premier, Robin Gray, had announced him as the winner.

"For two or three years now I've thought it was my year but, now that it's finally happened, I just can't believe it."

"People kept telling me I was in with a chance but, seriously, I thought I'd had an up and down season. Towards the end of the season I started to come good and my form started to pick up and I put a few games together. I thought I might be in with a slight chance."

Parker, who has been the target of a number of NSL clubs since his arrival in the country in 1981, has remained a one-club man.

"At this moment, I think I'll still be with Calles next year," Parker said. "They've always done the right thing by me ever since I came out here so, by staying with the club, it's just my way of repaying them for looking after me."

The top vote-getters in this year's Rothmans Gold Medal count were: Ian Parker (Caledonia) 26 points; Andy Scheibl (Georgetown) 24; Peter Saville (Launceston Juventus) 20; Chris Hey (Olympia-WPL), Larry Nunn (Croatia-Genorby) 18; Nick Di Martino (Juventus-Pioneer), Terry Binagan (Calles) 17; Joe McGrovy (Ulverstone) 16; Bobby Rybak (University) 15; Fabio Pizzirani (Devonport) 14; John Dilba (Rapid) 13.

Rapid won its way into the Cadbury Top Four grand final against Juventus-Pioneer on Wednesday (tonight) by beating Olympia-WPL 1-0 in the preliminary final.

Neil Thomas scored the goal in the 64th minute when Tommy Wilson's pass put him through and he was able to round goalkeeper Martin Burden and shoot into an empty net.

Both teams had numerous scoring chances but rival keepers, Martin Burden and Phil Kannegger, were in brilliant form and they must receive a great deal of the credit for the low score-line.

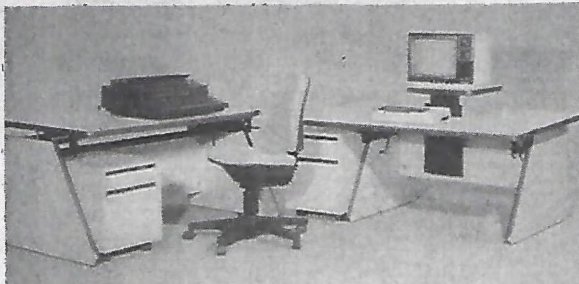
Rapid gained an important 1-0 win away from home against Ulverstone in the first leg of the John Kalis Memorial Trophy 1984 final.

Huigstool got the winner midway through the second half when he beat Ulverstone goalkeeper Smith to the ball following a long kick by Rapid's keeper, Phil Kannegger.

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## JUNIOR CUP KINGS



Sunshine-George Cross, The Victorian under-14 cup winner  
From left, STANDING: MANAGER N. DiFrancesco, S. Magro, G. Karkalatzis, M. DiFrancesco, A. Grech, J. Markovski, G. Alevisos, C. Difilippo, L. Ognenovski. Coach: J. Colanelli. Front, P. Spiteri, J. Colanelli, B. Alja, T. Hussen, F. Scerri, J. Trainor, R. Cidoni.



North Geelong under-11's, winners of the Victorian JLMC Cup. They beat Seaford United 3-0 in the final. Back row, from left: M. Mudronja (team manager), I. Dugandic, D. Jurin, F. Megdic, I. Skuken, I. Bicanic, A. Skoko, S. Baljak, S. Muhic. Front row: L. Sesar, J. Kordic, A. Mudronja, M. Kordic (coach) T. Trupkovic, Z. Mikola.









# SUNDAY'S LAST ROUND NSL MATCHES



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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Claude Lucchesi  
Preston

**PRESTON**

V

**Brisbane Lions**

at

**Connor Reserve**

**3 pm**

**SOUTH MELBOURNE**

V

**Melbourne Croatia**

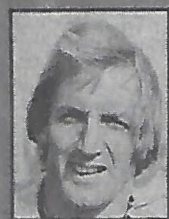
at

**Middle Park,**

**3 pm**



Alan Davidson  
Sth Melbourne



Billy Rogers  
Juventus

**B.U. JUVENTUS**

V

**Heidelberg**

at

**Olympic Park No. 2,**

**3 pm**

**Footscray**

V

**GREEN GULLY**

at

**Schintler Reserve,**

**3 pm**



Zdravko Lujic  
Footscray



Steve Maxwell  
Adelaide City

**ADELAIDE CITY**

V

**Brisbane City**

at

**Olympic Sports Field,**

**2.30 pm**

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS**

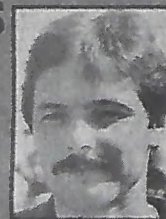
V

**West Adelaide**

at

**Chaplin Reserve,**

**3 pm**



Gerry Bennet  
George Cross

## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE



Mark Perinovic  
Canberra

**CANBERRA ARROWS**

V

**Blacktown City**

at

**Bruce Stadium,**

**3 pm**

**Melita Eagles**

V

**Penrith (draw)**

at

**Gabbie Stadium,**

**3 pm**



Denis Duarte  
Melita Eagles



Mark Jankovic  
Marconi

**MARCONI**

V

**Leichardt**

at

**Marconi Stadium,**

**1 pm**

**ST. GEORGE**

V

**Sydney Croatia**

at

**Marconi Stadium,**

**3 pm**



Des Marton  
St. George



Steve O'Connor  
Sydney City

**Sydney City**

V

**Sydney Olympic (draw)**

at

**St. George Stadium,**

**3 pm**

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD**

V

**Wollongong**

at

**Adamstown Oval,**

**3 pm.**



Joe Senkalski  
Newcastle